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OF THE

SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

Baptist Denomination in South Carolina,

HELD WITH THE

Rock Hill Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S. C.,

DECEMBER 1-5, 1897.

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OFFICERS 1897-98.

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A. T. JAMISON, - - - - - - - - Camden, S. C.

Next Meeting.

Place—Darlington. *Time*—Wednesday before first Sunday in December, 1898, at 8 P. M. *Preacher*—E. E. Bomar: alternate, Jabez Ferris.

Executive Board.

Location—Greenville, S. C.

C. S. Gardner, President; W. C. Lindsay, Vice President; H. T. Cook, Auditor; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; W. L. Richards, W. W. Keys, G. B. Moore, N. N. Burton, E. L. Wilkins, C. T. Scaife, O. L. Martin, J. H. Boldridge, J. D. Pitts.

Board of Ministerial Education.

Location—Greenville, S. C.

D. W. Key, President; William Goldsmith, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer; C. S. Gardner, W. L. Richards, W. S. Dorset, E. T. Atkinson, J. D. Huggins, J. A. Brown, D. N. Wilburn, C. L. Winkler, B. J. Woodward, F. C. Hickson.

Standing Committees.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—O. L. Martin, J. S. Croxton, W. R. Parks, J. E. Jones, C. C. Vaughan.

HOME MISSIONS—J. D. Huggins, J. O. Gough, R. P. Galphin, J. H. Pearcy, J. B. Towill.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. A. Brown, H. F. Oliver, Henry Martin, M. W. Gordon, W. E. Thayer.

EDUCATION—F. N. K. Bailey, J. W. Gaines, A. B. Stallworth, A. C. Osborn, T. H. Edwards.

OBITUARIES—J. W. Perry, Chairman; J. S. Jordan, E. E. Bomar, T. P. Lide, S. C. Smith, F. C. Hickson, J. H. Yarborough, J. M. Hough, A. Finch, W. J. Snider, G. W. Bussey, H. K. Ezell, F. P. Covington, J. S. McLemore, B. J. Woodward, J. S. Croxton, B. K. Truluck N. A. Hemrick, E. P. Easterling, J. W. Blanton, R. B. Watson, R. W. Sanders, J. W. Kenney, J. G. Williams, W. P. Holland, D. P. Montgomery, W. L. Brown, W. H. Edwards.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

ROCK HILL, S. C., Dec. 1st, 1897.

The State Convention of Baptists in South Carolina met in the Rock Hill Baptist church, Wednesday, December 1st, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

The body was called to order by J. H. Hudson, President, and the congregation sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." After prayer by D. M. Ramsey, the hymn, "Thus far the Lord has led me on," was sung. W. J. McGlothlin read Acts 11 : 19–30, and R. J. Willingham led in prayer. After the singing of the hymn, "Come thou fount of every blessing," the Convention Sermon was preached by D. M. Ramsey from Acts 11 : 23, "Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

After the singing of "All hail the power of Jesus' name," the names of delegates were enrolled.

On motion of J. A. Hoyt, the Assistant Secretary cast the vote of the Convention for J. H. Hudson for President.

It was moved that C. C. Brown cast the vote of the Convention for C. P. Ervin for Secretary, and A. T. Jamison for Assistant Secretary, which was done.

On motion of A. J. S. Thomas, the two brethren of those nominated receiving the highest number of votes were to be declared elected Vice Presidents. C. C. Brown, C. S. Gardner, and H. R. Moseley were appointed tellers, and E. J. Forrester and C. T. Scaife were elected Vice Presidents of the Convention.

On motion of D. M. Ramsey, the following Committee on Order of Business was appointed by the chair : J. D. Huggins, V. I. Masters, W. D. Rice, G. A. Wright, C. L. Winkler.

On motion of T. M. Bailey, C. H. Judson was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

Several ministerial brethren who had lately moved into

the State were presented to the Convention, and J. Q. Adams, of North Carolina.

The Committee on Order of Business made a partial report through J. D. Huggins, which, on motion of C. S. Gardner, was adopted as follows :

THURSDAY MORNING.

10.00-10.30—Devotional exercises.
10.30-11.00—Board Reports.
11.00-11.45—Sunday School Board.
11.45-12.45—Ministerial Education.
12.45- 1.30—Aged Ministers' Relief.
1.30- 2.00—Miscellaneous Business.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7.30—Foreign Missions.

On motion of T. M. Bailey, the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, and after devotional exercises, led by D. H. Crosland, proceeded to business. The minutes were read and approved.

A welcome to the body was given by J. D. Robertson, pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist church, and a response was made by L. M. Rice.

The report of the Executive Board was read by T. M. Bailey, and on motion of B. P. Robertson, was referred to a committee appointed by the chair, as follows: E. J. Forrester, D. M. Ramsey, W. R. Earle, E. P. Easterling, R. E. Peele.

The report of the Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage was read by J. L. Vass, Superintendent, with his own report as Treasurer, and on motion of D. M. Ramsey, the reports were referred to a committee appointed by the chair, as folfollows: J. C. Browne, Wm. Haynsworth, J. H. Boldridge, W. S. Dorset, J. D. Pitts.

The report of Board of Aged Ministers' Relief was read by C. C. Brown, in connection with the Treasurer's Report, and

on motion of A. C. Wilkins, the reports were referred to a committee appointed by the chair, as follows : J. B. Parrott, J. W. Blanton, L. M. Rice, W. J. Langston, D. H. Crosland.

The report of the Board of Ministerial Education was submitted by D. W. Key, who also read report of Wm. Goldsmith, Treasurer, and on motion of J. A. Brown, the reports were referred to a committee appointed by the chair, as follows : R. N. Pratt, J. I. Ayres, J. G. Williams, F. O. S. Curtis, W. E. Thayer.

On motion of D. M. Ramsey, the committee just mentioned was instructed to obtain and present an account of the money contributed to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from this State.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed to seats in the Convention : T. P. Bell, of the Christian Index; A. E. Dickinson, of the Religious Herald ; F. W. Boatwright, President of Richmond College ; Lansing Burrows, of Georgia ; I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention ; W. J. McGlothlin, Professor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

A letter from Dr. J. C. Maxwell, President Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, resigning his membership on the Board, was read by the chair, and on motion of F. C. Hickson, it was referred to a committee of nine to be appointed by the chair.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by B. P. Robertson, and on motion of R. W. Sanders, Lansing Burrows addressed the Convention on the work of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion of B. P. Robertson, the report was referred to a committee appointed by the chair, as follows : A. C. Wilkins, J. O. Gough, R. T. Marsh, W. E. Johnson, John A. Robinson.

An invitation was extended, through J. D. Robertson, to the Convention to visit Winthrop College.

The chair announced the following Committee on Religious Services : J. D. Robertson, H. R. Moseley, D. A. Williams, W. H. Edwards, E. S. Reaves.

On motion of J. D. Huggins, Prof. W. J. McGlothlin, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, addressed the Convention, and raised pledges for the Students' Fund amounting to $1,005.00.

After sundry announcements, a motion to adjourn was made by F. N. K. Bailey, and the body adjourned with prayer by A. C. Osborn, to meet at 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 7.30 o'clock. E. E. Bomar conducted a mass meeting for Foreign Missions. The long metre doxology was sung, and A. C. Osborn led in prayer, after which was sung "Stand up, stand up for Jesus." The chair announced the following committees:

1. *To Nominate Members of the Board of Ministerial Education*—B. P. Robertson, L. F. Dorn, A. P. Turner, H. K. Ezell, R. T. Marsh.

2. *On Place and Time of Next Meeting and Person to Preach*—H. C. Buchholz, W. D. Moorer, J. D. Robertson, J. H. Boldridge, J. W. T. Givens.

3. *To Nominate Five Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage*—C. T. Scaife, J. O. Gough, C. C. Vaughan, J. W. Blanton, A. Finch.

4. *To Nominate Delegates to the American Baptist Education Society*—E. E. Bomar, W. C. Lindsay, D. P. Montgomery, J. H. Pearcy, C. C. Vaughan.

5. *To Nominate the Executive Board*—W. T. Derieux, J. A. Brown, E. Wells, G. W. Shell, W. J. Langston.

6. *To Consider the Letter of Resignation of J. C. Maxwell*—L. R. Gwaltney, F. P. Covington, O. L. Martin, J. L. Ouzts, C. L. Winkler, J. S. Croxton, J. E. Covington, H. C. Buchholz, C. K. Henderson.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by G. A. Wright.

The Committee on Order of Business made through J. D. Huggins the following report for Friday:

10.00-10.30—Devotional Exercises.
10.30-11.00—Address by R. Carroll.
11.00-12.30—State Missions.
12.30- 1.30—Home Missions.
1.30- 2.00—Miscellaneous Business.

AFTERNOON.

3.30- 6.00—Reception at Winthrop College.

EVENING.

7.30—Furman University.

Continuing the subject of Foreign Missions, the Convention was addressed by H. C. Buchholz. "From Greenland's icy mountains" was sung, and W. E. Entzminger, missionary of Southern Baptist Convention in Brazil, made an address on the religious condition of that country. After prayer by T. M. Bailey, an address was made by R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

On motion of T. M. Bailey, the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

After prayer by E. E. Bomar, the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, and after devotional exercises, conducted by M. J. Willoughby, the minutes were read and approved.

B. P. Robertson read the report of the Committee to Nominate Board of Ministerial Education, and on motion of C. S. Gardner, it was adopted as follows : D. W. Key, President ; Wm. Goldsmith, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer ; C. S. Gardner, W. L. Richards, W. S. Dorset, E. T. Atkinson, J. D. Huggins, J. A. Brown, D. N. Wilburn, C. L. Winkler, B. J. Woodward, F. C. Hickson.

It was moved by E. J. Forrester, that the Central Committee of the Woman's Mission Societies of this State be recognized as one of the Boards of this Convention, but the vote was deferred by the special order.

J. D. Robertson submitted the report of the Committee on Religious Services, and it was accepted.

The special order having arrived, the Convention listened to an address by R. Carroll, Sunday School Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society, on a reformatory for criminal juveniles and religious work among the Negroes, and remarks were made by A. P. Montague.

A resolution by E. E. Bomar was adopted as follows :

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure our brother, R. Carroll,

and that we commend his work to our people and to the authorities of the State.

On motion of J. W. Blanton, a resolution was adopted that we accept the invitation of Winthrop College, and extend our heartfelt thanks.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, was read by R. N. Pratt, and on motion of D. H. Crosland, after amendment on motion of T. M. Bailey, and remarks by J. I. Ayres and B. P. Robertson, it was adopted as hereinafter appended.

C. L. Dowell read the report of the Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies, and on motion of A. C. Wilkins, after remarks by D. W. Key, A. C. Wilkins, C. C. Brown and F. C. Hickson, the report was adopted.

Under the special order for State Missions, E. J. Forrester read the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Board, and its adoption was moved by J. D. Pitts. After remarks by C. C. Brown, L. C. Hinton, T. M. Bailey, R. W. Sanders, J. D. Huggins and A. P. Montague, the hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood," was sung, and remarks were continued by A. C. Osborn, W. T. Derieux and A. C. Wilkins.

The time allotted having expired, on motion of J. I. Ayres time was extended to hear T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, after which the report was adopted.

Under the special order. C. S. Gardner read the report of the Committee on Home Missions. J. D. Pitts moved its adoption, which was done after remarks by C. S. Gardner, R. W. Sanders and I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion of E. E. Bomar, after prayer by T. P. Lide, the Convention adjourned to meet at 7.30 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 7.30 o'clock, and the devotional exercises were led by J. D. Pitts.

A resolution was moved by H. F. Oliver and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Rev. C. C. Brown be and he is hereby appointed the messenger of this Convention of South Carolina Baptists to the South

Carolina Legislature, for the communication of its action with reference to the establishment of a reformatory for youthful criminals, and that the Hon. Altamont Moses be requested to co-operate with him.

It was moved by J. I. Ayres, and carried, that the committee to which was referred the letter of J. C. Maxwell, read their report immediately after the special order for Education.

Under the special order, the report of the Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College, was read by A. J. S. Thomas, and its adoption was moved by M. J. Willoughby. Addresses were made by M. M. Riley, President of Greenville Female College, and A. P. Montague, President of Furman University. Further remarks were made by R. N. Pratt, C. C. Brown, A. E. Dickinson, H. F. Oliver, and R. B. Watson.

The report of Committee on Education was read by J. R. Mack, and upon the motion to adopt by A. C. Wilkins, and remarks by J. D. Huggins, D. H. Crosland, W. T. Derieux and R. W. Sanders, the report was recommitted on motion of W. T. Derieux.

The vote was taken on the Report of the Trustees of Furman University, and the report was adopted.

The committee of nine on the Letter of Resignation of Dr. J. C. Maxwell, reported through L. R. Gwaltney, and on motion of B. P. Robertson, after remarks by F. C. Hickson, J. I. Ayres, D. M. Ramsey, and C. C. Brown, the report was adopted, as follows :

The committee on the Letter of Dr. J. C. Maxwell respectfully present the following report :

Be it resolved, As the recommendation of this committee,

1st. That the Convention decline to accept the resignation of Dr. J. C. Maxwell, with the assurance, to be conveyed to him, that the Convention holds in high esteem the work he has done for the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, and entertains with reluctance the possibility of his withdrawing from this work at present.

2d. That this Convention respectfully return Dr. Maxwell's resignation, requesting him to withdraw it, with the hope and trust that the wisdom and grace which God can give, may bring these differences to a happy issue for the peace of our brotherhood and the future blessed work of our Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted. L. R. GWALTNEY, Ch'm'n.

C. L. WINKLER, Secretary of Com.

On motion of C. C. Brown, after prayer by O. L. Martin, the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, W. T. Tate leading the devotional exercises.

The Order of Business for the day was read by J. D. Huggins. The minutes were read and approved.

The chair announced the Standing Committees to report at next Convention, and the list is appended.

A statement was read by E. J. Forrester relative to the action of the Convention regarding Dr. J. C. Maxwell's resignation, and the following resolution by D. M. Ramsey was adopted:

Resolved, That the paper read by Bro. E. J. Forrester, in which reference is made to the large and beautiful benefactions of Dr. Maxwell in behalf of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, be forwarded to Dr. Maxwell with the fullest assurances of our appreciation of the same.

W. C. Luther, representing the American Baptist Publication Society, was recognized, and on motion of C. C. Brown, he was allotted a time to address the body.

The report of the committee to which was referred the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, was submitted by A. C. Wilkins, and after remarks by A. C. Wilkins and B. P. Robertson, the report was adopted, and it will be found appended.

On motion of T. M. Bailey, C. P. Ervin was elected Statistical Secretary at a salary of fifty dollars a year.

The gift of a portrait of the late J. A. W. Thomas from A. Goldberg was, upon motion of R. N. Pratt, accepted by the Convention with thanks, and ordered to be placed in the library of Furman University.

H. S. Hartzog, President of Clemson College, received welcome to a seat in the Convention.

Upon the presentation by G. H. Edwards of sundry minutes of past meetings of the Convention, B. P. Robertson moved an acceptance of the same with thanks.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Delegates to the American Baptist Education Society was submitted by E. E. Bomar, and adopted as follows : A. P. Montague, C. H. Judson, M. M. Riley, J. R. Mack, F. N. K. Bailey, J. W. Gaines, J. D. Winchester, Charles Manly, A. C. Wilkins, A. J. S. Thomas and J. D. Pitts.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Members of the Executive Board was submitted by W. T. Derieux, and was adopted, as appended.

The resolution offered by E. J. Forrester making the Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies a Board of the Convention, was adopted on motion of T. M. Bailey.

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting made a report through H. C. Buchholz, which, after amendments by G. H. Edwards and T. M. Bailey and various discussions, was adopted, and on motion of J. D. Pitts, the vote was made unanimous, as follows : Place, Darlington. Time, Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1898, at 8 P. M. Preacher of Convention Sermon, E. E. Bomar, with Jabez Ferris, alternate.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage reported through C. T. Scaife, and after recommitment, on motion of J. D. Pitts, the report was adopted as follows : C. P. Ervin, R. B. Watson, J. N. Brown, E. J. Forrester, W. L. Durst.

The report of C. H. Judson, Treasurer of the Convention, was read, and on motion of T. M. Bailey, was adopted.

The report of the committee to which was referred the report of the Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, was submitted by W. S. Dorset, and A. C. Wilkins moved its adoption, as appended.

On motion of A. J. S. Thomas, W. C. Luther addressed the Convention, and remarks were made by C. C. Brown.

A resolution offered by L. C. Hinton was adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the American Baptist Publication Society, in the work of the publication of Bibles and standard works in the department of religious literature, is entitled to our fraternal regards and co-operation.

The report on Obituaries was read by J. W. Perry, and was adopted as appended.

The report on Education, which had been recommitted, was read by J. D. Huggins, and on motion of A. C. Wilkins, it was adopted.

On motion of C. C. Brown, the Convention was addressed by H. S. Hartzog, President of Clemson College.

The following resolution of thanks, offered by O. L. Martin, was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Convention be tendered the Rock Hill Baptist church and the citizens of Rock Hill for their bountiful entertainment of the Convention, to the First Presbyterian church for the use of their house, to Winthrop College for their handsome reception, and to such railroads as have granted us favors.

Upon call, E. P. Moses, Professor in Winthrop College, addressed the body.

On motion of T. M. Bailey, three fraternal delegates were appointed to represent this body in the Convention of Colored Baptists, meeting at Greenwood, May, 1898, viz.: T. M. Bailey, E. J. Forrester and R. B. Watson.

A resolution was adopted relative to printing the Minutes, as follows :

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention be published and distributed by the Secretary, and that he draw on the Treasurer of the State Mission Board, of the Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, of the Board of Ministerial Education, of the Board of Aged Ministers' Relief, and of the Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College, for funds to meet the expenses of the same, prorating the amount among the Boards according to reported receipts for the year.

Upon call the Convention was addressed by H. M. Raiford, General Missionary, and E. V. Gassaway, District Missionary, in Co-operative Work Among the Colored People.

O. L. Martin led in prayer, and the Convention adjourned to meet at 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 7.30 o'clock and after devotional exercises led by J. E. Covington, the minutes were read and approved.

The President read a communication from D. J. Jenkins, President of the Orphan Aid Society of Charleston, requesting the sympathy and aid of the Convention. On motion of

W. D. Rice, a collection ($7.72) was raised, and the Secretary instructed to send a suitable reply to this letter.

A communication from M. P. Hall, of the Friendship Institute, Rock Hill, was read, requesting help towards the support of two orphans in his charge. On motion, a collection ($4.60) was taken therefor.

The Secretary read a letter from J. B. Parrott, resigning his place as a Trustee of Connie Maxwell Orphanage on the ground that he was also a Trustee of Furman University and Greenville Female College. C. C. Brown moved that the resignation be accepted and that A. B. Stallworth be elected to fill the vacancy, and it was so declared.

The committee to which was referred the report of the Board of Aged Ministers' Relief, reported through J. B. Parrott, and on motion of J. D. Pitts, after remarks by J. B. Parrott, H. F. Oliver, A. C. Wilkins, C. C. Brown, T. M. Bailey, D. M. Ramsey, E. A. McDowell, L. C. Hinton and R. B. Watson, and the singing of a hymn, the report was adopted as appended.

Resolutions adopted by the Woman's Missionary Union at their session in Rock Hill were presented by A. C. Wilkins, and on motion of F. O. S. Curtis, the resolutions were ordered to be printed in the minutes.

A resolution was offered by J. H. Boldridge in regard to obtaining better railroad rates to and from our denominational meetings, and after discussion by W. T. Derieux, T. H. Edwards, E. E. Bomar, O. L. Martin, F. N. K. Bailey and F. P. Covington, it was adopted as follows:

Be it Resolved, That a committee of three, viz.: C. C. Brown, H. R. Moseley and J. H. Hudson, be appointed to obtain from the railroads the best possible rates, either with or without co-operation with like committees which may be appointed by other denominations, with a view of carrying out the purpose here contemplated.

A motion was made by R. T. Marsh and passed, that the resolution of thanks offered by the Woman's Missionary Union, together with the similar resolution of the Convention, be offered for publication in the Rock Hill paper on Monday following.

The following was offered by J. E. Covington, and adopted without discussion:

Resolved, That it being the sense of this Convention that the making, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is against the moral welfare of our people, we hope the day is not far distant when they shall be liberated from this evil by the combined influence of pure religion, righteous public sentiment, and wise legal enactment.

Upon the offering of his resignation as one of the Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage by E. J. Forrester, J. W. Blanton moved that the resignation be accepted, and that John R. Leavell, Jr., of Greenwood, be elected in his stead. It was so ordered.

On motion of A. J. S. Thomas to adjourn until Sunday evening after service, the body adjourned, after prayer, to meet at that time.

FIFTH DAY.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

After preaching by W. T. Derieux, the Convention was called to order by the President.

O. L. Martin moved that the Convention adjourn to meet with the Darlington Baptist church, Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1898, at 8 P. M. The motion being carried, closing remarks were made by C. C. Brown, T. M. Bailey and the President. After singing "God be with you till we meet again," the closing prayer was made by J. H. Boldridge, and the Convention adjourned.

J. H. HUDSON, President.

C. P. ERVIN, Secretary.

A. T. JAMISON, Assistant Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

1. First Presbyterian: Morning, D. M. Ramsey; Evening, H. C. Buchholz.

2. First Methodist: Morning, C. C. Brown.

4. Second Presbyterian: Morning, A. C. Wilkins; Evening, A. P. Turner.

5. Second Methodist: Morning, W. T. Tate; Evening, C. C. Vaughan.

6. Oakland High School: Morning, E. J. Forrester.

7. Ebenezer Presbyterian: Morning, G. A. Wright; Evening, W. S. Dorset.

8. Baptist: Morning, E. E. Bomar; Evening, W. T. Derieux.

9. Colored Baptist: Morning, A. C. Osborn; Evening, J. D. Pitts.

10. Colored Methodist: Morning, Edward S. Reaves; J. B. Bozeman.

11. Colored Presbyterian: Morning, R. N. Pratt; Evening, W. E. Johnson.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Abbeville—7.
J. A. Brown.
F. O. S. Curtis.
W. R. Earle.
E. J. Forrester.
G. W. Gardner.
J. L. Vass.
A. D. Woodle.

Aiken—3
E. E. Bomar.
J. C. Browne.
C. K. Henderson.

Barnwell—9.
F. N. K. Bailey.
Wm. Haynsworth.
J. D. Huggins.
W. E. Johnson.
D. M. Johnston.
T. P. Lide.
A. H. Patterson.
A. P. Turner.
W. D. Rice.

Beaverdam—1.
S. C. Smith.

Broad River—4.
J. D. Bailey.
F. C. Hickson.
J. K. Hottal.
Wm. White.

Chester—8.
E. T. Atkinson.
H. C. Buchholz.
W. S. Durham.
M. W. Gordon.
J. M. Grant.
L. C. Hinton.
E. A. McDowell.
W. H. Yarborough.

Chesterfield—1.
J. M. Hough.

Colleton—1.
A. Finch.

Charleston—4.
W. S. Dorset.
J. W. T. Givens.
D. M. Ramsey.
W. J. Snider.

Edgefield—4.
G. W. Bussey.
L. F. Dorn.
L. R. Gwaltney.
W. R. Parks.

Fairfield—12.
L. T. Carroll.
J. B. Curry.
H. K. Ezell.
Jabez Ferris.
J. E. Jones.
W. C. Lindsay.
Henry Martin.
A. C. Osborn.
B. J. Quattlebaum.
W. R. Rabb.
M. J. Willoughby.
C. P. Wray.

Edisto—

Florence—4.
J. I. Ayres.
F. P. Covington.
H. R. Moseley.
W. M. Waters.

Greenville—13.
T. M. Bailey.
M. L. Donaldson.
C. S. Gardner.
Jeter Horton.
J. A. Hoyt.
D. W. Key.
V. I. Masters.
J. S. McLemore.
A. P. Montague.
T. H. Posey.
R. N. Pratt.
A. J. S. Thomas.
W. F. Watson.

Laurens—6.
J. W. Butts.
A. H. Martin.
J. B. Parrott.
J. D. Pitts.
G. W. Shell.
B. J. Woodward.

Moriah—8.
J. H. Boldridge.
J. B. Bozeman.
L. L. Clyburn.
J. S. Croxton.
R. B. Elliott.
J. R. Knight.
Edmund Wells.
D. A. Williams.

North Greenville—2.
S. A. Cooper.
B. K. Truluck.

Orangeburg—3.
D. H. Crosland.
R. P. Galphin.
N. A. Hemrick.

Pee Dee—5.
J. I. Allen.
David Easterling.
E. P. Easterling.
J. H. Hudson.
W. H. Plowden.

Piedmont—

Reedy River—7.
J. W. Blanton.
J. E. Johnson.
J. R. Leavell.
J. D. Mahon.
M. W. Rankin.
I. M. Smith.
G. A. Wright.

Ridge—6.
J. H. Pearcy.
W. H. Simpson.
W. E. Thayer.
J. B. Towill.
R. B. Watson.
A. C. Wilkins.

Saluda—7.
P. G. Hopper.
O. L. Martin.
A. N. Richardson.
John A. Robinson.
R. W. Sanders,
J. F. Singleton.
W. T. Tate.

Santee—11.
C. M. Billings.
C. C. Brown.
M. A. Connors.
J. W. English.
T. H. Edwards.
J. O. Gough.
W. M. Graham.
A. T. Jamison.
J. W. Kenney.
R. T. Marsh.
C. L. Winkler.

Savannah River—2.
J. G. Williams.
G. C. Bundick.

Southeast—5.
L. J. Bristow.
W. P. Holland.
W. D. Moorer.
H. F. Oliver.
A. McA. Pittman.

Spartanburg—20.
W. R. Brown.
J. E. Covington.
W. T. Derieux.
J. H. Dodd.
C. P. Ervin.
L. C. Ezell.
S. B. Ezell.
W. D. Hammett.
W. J. Langston.
J. R. Mack.
C. P. Miles.
R. B. Monk.
D. P. Montgomery.
J. L. Ouzts.
Z. G. Pittman.
B. P. Robertson.
C. T. Scaife.
A. B. Stallworth.
E. C. Watson.
A. B. Woodruff.

Union County—5.
W. L. Brown.
J. H. Crosby.
T. H. Garrett.
L. M. Rice.
D. N. Wilburn.

Welsh Neck—10.
C. L. Dowell.
G. H. Edwards.
J. W. Gaines.
R. N. Howle.
R. M. Josey.
M. T. Lide.
J. E. Norment.
R. E. Peele.
J. W. Perry.
C. C. Vaughan.

York—12.
S. P. Blankenship.
A. B. Caudle.
W. H. Edwards.
D. D. Gaston.
W. C. Gwin.
H. E. Johnson.
T. G. Mathews.
E. S. Reaves.
J. D. Robertson.
L. Shurley.
A. L. Stough.
W. J. Waters.

Delegates Present, 180.

REPORTS.

Report of the Executive Board.

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN—It is with a feeling of profound gratitude to God for his continued favors, and of thankfulness to those who have aided in the work, by their co-operation, prayers and means that we come before you to make our thirty-first annual report.

During the year we have been called upon to mourn the removal from us of a dear fellow worker—one who for a number of years served your Board as missionary and colporter. On the 25th of June the Rev. R. J. Edwards was called to his reward on high. He was a high-toned, honorable Christian gentleman, who served God and the denomination faithfully. "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, and the faithful fail from among the children of men."

During the year 72 persons have been in the employ of your Board, whose labors have been expended in 27 of our Associations. Their names and fields of labor are as follows:

Abbeville Association—J. A. Brown, G. H. Burton, F. O. S. Curtis, G. W. Bussey.

Aiken—Graves L. Knight, C. E. Burts.

Barnwell—W. G. Britton.

Beaverdam—J. M. Sanders.

Broad River—D. W. Thomasson, W. G. P. Ezell.

Charleston—Miss E. Y. Hyde, E. D. Wells, J. W. T. Givens.

Chester—M. W. Gordon.

Chesterfield—B. F. Hargett.

Colleton—J. M. Bostick, A. Finch.

Fairfield—Jabez Ferris, H. K. Ezell, L. T. Carroll, J. E. Jones, M. J. Willoughby.

Florence—J. I. Ayres.

Greenville—D. W. Key, J. S. McLemore.

Laurens—J. B. Parrott, D. A. Swindler, L. C. Swindler.

Lexington—Evans Hall.

Moriah—S. N. Watson.

Orangeburg—R. J. Edwards, D. H. Crosland, B. M. Foreman, J. H. Crouch.

Pee Dee—E. P. Easterling.

Reedy River—J. D. Mahon, J. W. Blanton.

Ridge—M. D. Padgett.

Saluda—Wm. Brown, W. T. Tate, G. M. Rogers.

Santee—J. N. Entzminger, J. J. Myers, D. H. Crosland, J. W. Kenney.

Savannah River—H. T. Crapse, W. H. Dowling, Wm. Haynsworth, W. D. Crosby, W. G. Britton.

Southeast—W. P. Holland, W. D. Moorer, A. McA. Pittman, J. J. Powers, S. T. Russell, G. W. Harrallson, J. M. Weaver.

Spartanburg—W. P. Smith, C. P. Ervin, J. R. Aiken, J. E. Rogers, D. P. Montgomery.

Union County—W. L. Brown, T. H. Garrett.

Welsh Neck—R. E. Peele, J. W. Bishop.

York—H. R. Moseley, D. C. Freeman.

Among the Colored People—H. M. Raiford, E. R. Roberts, E. V. Gassaway, J. W. Boykin.

The labors of these missionaries, so far as figures can show, may be seen from the following

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Missionaries and colporters employed, 72; stations occupied, 106; miles traveled, 50,239; sermons and addresses delivered, 4,288; prayer meetings held, 1,167; religious visits made, 14,517; conversions, 667; baptisms, 534; received by letter, 692; restored to fellowship, 55; total additions to mission churches, 1,281; total membership in churches at mission stations, 5,947; churches organized, 9; houses of worship built, 13; expended on church buildings, $11,921.17; Sunday schools organized, 38; number of Sunday schools, 106; number of teachers and scholars, 5,666; contributions of Sunday schools, $576.22; collected in mission churches for State Missions, $921.07; for Home Missions, $97.69; for Foreign Missions, $298.78; for Orphanage, $155.48; for Aged and Infirm Ministers, $72.55; for Ministerial Education, $68.13.

Churches organized, two in Beaufort county, one in Richland county, one in Kershaw county, one in Laurens county, one in Union county, one in Lancaster county, one in Anderson county, one in Chesterfield county. Nine in all.

Houses of worship built or in process of erection: Summerville, Second church, Columbia, South Side, Columbia, Walterboro, Memorial church, Lucknow, Tillman, Pleasant Mountain, Bradley, Bath, Zion Hill, Bethel, Second church, Gaffney.

Expended on church buildings, $————.

WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Three brethren have been in the field all the year. Rev. E. R. Roberts, missionary in the eastern part of the State, resigned in July. His place has been filled by Rev J. W. Boykin, of Camden. These brethren have labored faithfully and they have won for themselves the esteem and confidence of the white brethren with whom they have come in contact. The work grows in favor with our people, and it is sincerely to be hoped that contributions for its support will increase. One of the missionaries writes as follows: "Under the co-operation plan of mission work, our people are realizing many helpful results. The readiness with which the white ministers take hold of the work is most gratifying. The ability evinced by them causes aspirations on the part of the colored brethren to equip themselves for better service. Both the ministry and laity are being helped. The work is bringing about a decided change in the religious and educational condition of our people.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Too much cannot be said in regard to the importance of this work, yet our people still fail to see it, else they would furnish the means for carrying it on more extensively. Five of our missionaries and twenty of our pastors have been furnished with books during the year The sales have amounted to $1,665.47. We have donated to destitute persons and needy Sunday schools 262 Bibles and Testaments, value for $27.47. Two of our Associations have made provision for support of colporters and men will be put to work in these fields at an early day. Would that other associations would do likewise.

We are under obligations to the Sunday School Board for a donation of books and to the American Baptist Publication for a grant of 60,000 pages of tracts.

CONCLUSION.

The missionaries of your Board have rendered faithful service. When we look at some of the results of their work, the number of persons converted and baptized into the fellowship of our churches—the number of churches organized in destitute places, and the number of houses of worship built, we have great reason to be grateful to God for his blessing on the work of his servants.

We sometimes fear that the success which has attended the work of your Board since its organization, makes some of our people think that South Carolina is already evangelized. Not so! It is true that a grand work has been done, but "there remaineth yet much land to be possessed." Many destitute fields are sounding the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," but lack of means prevents us from responding favorably. With an income of $15,000 a year we believe we could do the work that lies out before us.

Our report is before you. With the means at our disposal we have done the best we could. We had hoped and have striven earnestly to reach the $12,000 mark, but in this we have failed. The efforts made in the early months of the year for our general Boards, caused our State work to be almost forgotten. During the fall months contributions began to come in so freely that we were greatly encouraged and began to hope that we would be able to present to the Convention a clear balance sheet, but five cent cotton blasted our hopes.

C. MANLY, President.

T. M. BAILEY, Cor. Sec.

Report on Report of Executive Board.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Board beg leave to submit the following: We call especial attention to four things in the report:

1. The Bible and colportage work. We think this department should be emphasized. We recommend that one Sunday in the year be observed by our churches as Bible Day, and that a collection for Bible work be sent to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We also

suggest, where a colporter cannot be put in an Association, that the pastors be requested to take the work in hand, either in person or by designating to the Corresponding Secretary some member of their churches who can do the work.

2. The work among the colored people. It is urged that attention be given to the co-operative work. Collections should be taken for it, and the pastors should help as far as possible in the Institutes.

3. The remainder of the debt. We think the contributions have been marvellous when all things are considered. But it would be a great blessing if every vestige of debt could be removed. That this happy result may be reached, we recommend that a special effort be made during this month.

4. Enlarged contributions. We think that careful and serious attention ought to be given to the Board's desire for larger income. In particular, there are points where work already done will be lost, unless we can have the means to go forward.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. FORRESTER.
D. M. RAMSEY.
R. E. PEELE.
W. R. EARLE.
E. P. EASTERLING.

Report on Nomination of Executive Committee.

Your Committee to Nominate a new Executive Board beg leave to nominate the following brethren: C. S. Gardner, W. L. Richards, W. W. Keys, T. M. Bailey, H. T. Cook, G. B. Moore, W. C. Lindsay, N. N. Burton, E. L. Wilkins, C. T. Scaife, O. L. Martin, J H. Boldridge, J. D. Pitts.

We recommend that H. T. Cook be continued as Auditor, and T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and that C. S. Gardner be made President instead of Charles Manly, who for so long a time and so faithfully filled this responsible place, and that W. C. Lindsay be Vice President instead of C. H. Judson, who has signified a wish to be relieved from service on this Board.

Respectfully submitted. W. T. DERIEUX, for Com.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage to the Baptist State Convention.

To the Baptist State Convention, Rock Hill, December 1, 1897:

It is with humble gratitude to a gracious God for all his mercies during the year just closing that we make this our annual report.

Our children are all living and are reasonably well. Their health has been good all the year. They have had enough to eat, and have been comfortable and happy, and have made good progress in school and in work. We have prospered. Our success has been larger than our faith. The Lord has been good to us, whereof we are glad.

We have received twenty-eight children during the year and have sent out sixteen, leaving us in the Home today one hundred and seven, forty-three boys and sixty four girls.

Our present capacity is one hundred and four, but we have one hundred and seven, three more than we ought to have. We cannot, therefore, receive any more until some of these go out. If we had more room we could care for more children at small additional cost.

We have built and equipped our laundry since last report, at a cost of about $250. It is a great comfort to our ladies and children. We now do all of our own work, and find it helpful to our girls as well as a considerable saving in money.

We began in the spring to build our fifth home. The building is up and covered. It has cost us to date about $1,500, and it will take about $1,000 or $1,200 to finish it. It is built of stone and brick, two full stories with four large rooms in the roof. Is forty-eight feet square and is substantially and well built.

This building is very much needed to give us an entire home for our larger boys as well as to enable us to send several boys out of the infirmary that we may take it for our sick and their nurses. This is our first need and when supplied will greatly help our work. Who will give us $1,000 to finish this building? We have also done about $200 worth of other building for the betterment of our work.

We beg those who are kindly contributing to this charity not to forget that our equipment is yet very imperfect. It has been the purpose of the management from the beginning to move in the work slow enough so as not to unsettle the work of benevolence in the State, to run this charity without interfering with missionary and educational work. To do this we have had to go slow. No form of high pressure has been used to get money. The work has been fairly and honestly stated, and the contributions have been voluntary.

We are anxious to begin technological work along additional lines to those now followed, but this cannot be done without a large outlay of money which we are not yet able to get. It is our constant hope and prayer that some benevolent person with large means will meet this great need by a liberal contribution.

We have received since last Convention the following amounts:

Abbeville Association	$435 23
Aiken	133 97
Barnwell	142 61
Beaverdam	81 94
Broad River	68 90
Charleston	165 26
Colleton	13 12
Chesterfield	87 04
Chester	239 50
Dorchester	2 35
Edgefield	208 76

Edisto	44 52
Fairfield	97 71
Florence	108 26
Lake Swamp	2 05
Greenville	281 91
Lexington	44 67
Laurens	220 40
Moriah	69 12
North Greenville	45 87
Orangeburg	128 28
Pee Dee	124 64
Piedmont	102 94
Reedy River	273 47
Ridge	188 87
Saluda	978 58
Santee	331 86
Savannah River	111 62
Southeast	103 77
Spartanburg	542 66
Twelve Mile River	18 48
Union County	166 08
Waccamaw	12 60
Welsh Neck	312 91
York	65 80
Total from Associations	$5,949 08
Personal	$420 31
Bequests	430 00
Other sources	287 24
Total cash	$7,086 63
To this will be added clothing and provisions (estimated).	$1,483 79
Making a grand total	$8,570 42

This contribution in kind is very helpful to us and could be, and we hope will be, largely increased greatly to our help, while it costs the donors very little self-denial.

The above bequests are: First, $230 from the estate of the late Judge J. B. Pressly, who kindly gave us by will $1,000 after certain other bequests were satisfied. But the estate only pays twenty-three per cent. of the amount named, yielding us the above amount. We greatly appreciate his kind remembrance. Second, is $200 given us by the will of the late R. C. Stewart, a deacon of the Chester church, who has always been a regular contributor to this charity. These two brethren have gone to their reward and our work will miss them. We will hold them ever in high esteem.

Since our last report the Mrs. Nancy Hawkins bequest has been fixed at $180.24, which amount has been invested as a permanent fund, and

will appear in the balance sheet of our treasurer. This makes the beginning of an invested fund. We hope it will be largely increased.

Our farm has yielded us a good crop, and has been helpful to us in supplying work for our boys.

In caring for all these helpless children we need the help, sympathy and prayers of every member of this Convention.

The work is exceedingly difficult. Our wants are numerous, our experience is small, but the work is a blessed one. May the Lord of all grace be our help.

S. B. EZELL, Vice President.

J. B. PARROTT, Sec. Pro Tem.

Report of Committee on Orphanage Report.

This annual report of the Trustees of the Orphanage is highly gratifying. The work has been done on an economical basis, and God's blessings have rested upon it. The cost per child during the year has been about sixty dollars. The increase of income from the churches has been $711.54, which shows that this work is growing in favor with our churches. There is now in bank the good sum of $1,248.14. This is a good showing. May God help us to stand by this noble enterprise.

J. C. BROWNE.
WM. HAYNSWORTH.
J. H. BOLDRIDGE.
J. D. PITTS.
W. S. DORSET.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Furman University and the Greenville Female College.

The Board of Trustees of Furman University take pleasure in presenting the following information for the consideration of this Convention concerning the schools committed to their charge:

FURMAN UNIVERSITY.

The session of 1896-7, which closed last June, was in many respects very successful and encouraging. There were enrolled during the session 170 students, the largest number ever enrolled except in 1890, when 188 were enrolled. The grounds had been considerably improved. Some of the recitation rooms had been renovated and refurnished. This work of improvement on the grounds and buildings continues under the wise supervision of the Proctor, Professor G. B. Moore.

At the meeting of the Board in June, the Trustees having come to the belief that the whole time of the President was demanded by the best interests of the University, passed a resolution requiring him, after January 1st, 1898, to give his services entirely to the work of the institution. Upon due notification of this action of the Board, Dr. Manly replied that

he could not conform to the requirements of the Board, viz.: That he should surrender his pastorate and give himself more largely to travel for the University, for students and funds, and therefore respectfully tendered his resignation to take effect June 30. He added: "While I sincerely regret the necessity for this step, I am glad that the condition of the institution is such as to inspire hope in its future success, for which I sincerely pray, as I have faithfully labored."

At a called meeting of the Board July 7, Dr. Manly's resignation was accepted. Thus his connection with the University was brought to a close after sixteen years of faithful, loving service. During these years the attendance largely increased and the endowment was very materially enlarged. At the meeting of the Board July 7, resolutions were passed putting on record our acknowledgment and appreciation of the very efficient services the retiring President had rendered for the period of sixteen years.

The Board, at that same meeting, elected Dr. E. C. Dargan to the presidency. After a few days Dr. Dargan, with sincere regrets, declined. The Board met again in Columbia July 20, but failed to elect a President. A committee was appointed to consider names and if possible nominate a suitable person for the presidency, and report to the meeting at Rock Hill. In the meantime Dr. C. H. Judson had been elected chairman of the faculty, and was giving his loving and loyal service to the interests of the institution to which he has given his life. After the meeting in Columbia, July 20, Dr. Judson expressed a wish that the members of the committee should nominate a President, since he was unwilling to act indefinitely as chairman of the faculty and urged the committee to select a President as soon as possible. The committee, after much correspondence, finally agreed upon a man without a dissenting voice. The President of the Board of Trustees called a meeting of the Board for September 9, in Columbia. The committee nominated Dr. A. P. Montague, professor of Latin in Columbian University and dean of the college faculty. He accepted the presidency, but did not reach Greenville till October 19. He at once entered upon the duties of his office, and we believe a kind and loving Providence sent him to us.

Through the wise and unremitting labors of Dr. Judson, aided by other members of the faculty, some of whom did good work canvassing during vacation, and through the untiring efforts of Bro. R. N. Pratt, a large number of students were enrolled the first day of the session, the largest number being present on that day since 1859, with the exception of 1890. There are now present 160 students, two of whom are young women.

A full and comprehensive report was presented to the Board a few days ago by the President. In consultation with his faculty, President Montague has made some wise and valuable suggestions regarding the courses of study and the internal work of the University. It is expected that arrangements will be made by which we shall enlarge the teaching force, developing especially the course in Physics, English and the modern languages. The report of the Treasurer shows a producing endowment of $68,650. The buildings and lands are worth about $60,000,

making total property of the University of $128,650. The Treasurer is successfully collecting the tuition fees. More tuition was collected last year than in any previous year. The collections up to date are better than last year. We have been compelled, however, to carry over a deficit for several years. A larger endowment is absolutely necessary. We believe it can be increased, and with a growing number of students, we hope to see the endowment growing year by year.

We wish to put on record our appreciation of the generous gift of Mrs. and Dr. F. A. Miles, of Greenville, the valuable Cæsar's Head property, estimated to be worth $20,000. It is believed, even under the conditions of the gift, it will be, within a few years, a very remunerative piece of property.

THE GREENVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

We are glad to report the affairs of the College in a very encouraging and prosperous condition. There are now 192 pupils enrolled, and the number is growing constantly. There is a larger local attendance than heretofore, and the boarding department is larger than it has been at any time during the presidency of Dr. Riley. The College needs more room. The connecting building, between the two large brick buildings, was enlarged during the past summer by the addition of another story, which is used for an art room. The President has added other instruments and furniture for which he pays cash. These recent additions and improvements cost about one thousand dollars, all paid. The finances of the college are in a very satisfactory condition, and the management of the President in every respect is most admirable and has given entire satisfaction to the Board. The debt of $3,500 that was created for the equipment and enlargement of the College in 1894 has been so far reduced that the President will be able to pay it entirely this session. We ask for our colleges the support, the confidence, the patronage and the prayers of all the people.

It is a matter of regret that our Special Agent, Bro. R. N. Pratt, has tendered his resignation, to take effect February 1. He feels that he must enter the pastorate again. The value of the work of Bro. Pratt cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. His services in bringing pupils to our colleges were invaluable during the year he was engaged in this work. He re-enters the pastorate with the best wishes and the fullest confidence of the members of the Board.

President Montague, in addition to his duties as professor and executive officer of the University, will visit churches and attend meetings throughout the State. He wishes to meet the people and to represent the University whenever and wherever possible. He has already visited a number of places in the State, receiving a most cordial reception from the people. We feel that a better and brighter day is ahead of us. We crave the confidence and assistance of the brethren every where in the management of the sacred trust that has been committed to us.

Report of the Board of Ministerial Education.

In accordance with instructions given by the Convention at its last meeting, students preparing for the minstry at Furman University only have been aided out of funds sent to this Board, the Seminary students being supported by money sent direct to Dr. E. C. Dargan for that purpose. Believing that the plan is satisfactory to all concerned, our experience justifies the wisdom of its adoption a year ago and also its continuance.

At this time last year the Board had promised to aid eight students at the University and there were four applications in hand on which the Board had taken no action. Some of these applications were withdrawn and but nine students received help during the last collegiate year.

At present there are but five students in the University to whom the Board has promised assistance this year. Three of these are receiving no aid other than having their tuition paid. There are some three or four applications on file from students who are hoping to enter college at the opening of the next year, and probably some of the students now in the University who have not asked for aid, will be under the necessity of doing so before the year closes. The condition of our treasury is surprising and satisfactory, since a surplus is reported large enough to make further contributions unnecessary probably for the present year. The debt of more than two hundred dollars reported a year ago has been paid. This was done through the liberality of the churches and pastors without extra appeals made by any member of the Board.

Your Board would respectfully recommend that rule fourth of the rules under which this Board is working, be so modified as to leave some room for the Board to act at discretion, and also that it be amended by striking out that part requiring the sending out of examinations prepared by the faculty annually to students applying for aid.

The amount promised to aid students during the present collegiate year is $190, certainly a very small sum for helping five young men.

Respectfully submitted. D. W. KEY, President.

WM. GOLDSMITH, JR., Secretary and Treasurer.

Report on Report of Board of Ministerial Education.

Your Committee to whom the report on Ministerial Education has been submitted, find that the plan adopted a year ago has worked successfully, and recommend a continuance of the same.

We would further suggest that Rule 4, (in the rules of the Board, be changed as to read: "The granting of aid to students entering Furman University shall be left to the discretion of the Board."

Respectfully submitted. R. N. PRATT, for Com.

Report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

This Board, during its brief history, has come as the servant of God to minister to 37 beneficiaries, twenty-four are now on the list, three of whom will receive their first payment this week, and whose names will not therefore appear in the Treasurer's report, as the payments will be made after the closing of the report. I refer to Rev. J. L. Barnett, J. A. Cooper and J. B. Davenport, the first in the Spartanburg, and the other two in the Laurens Association. Three other beneficiaries have been received during the year, whose names are given by the Treasurer in his report, making a total of six added since the last Convention. Two have died, Rev. R. J. Edwards, of the Orangeburg Association, to whom but a single payment was made before death took him away; and Rev. Jonas Trowell, of the Savannah River Association, who died in July, about a month after Bro. Edwards.

While the calls upon the Board are multiplying, the income does not increase as it should. And yet God be thanked that we have been enabled to give all the beneficiaries something from the treasury, according to the promises made to them, and we have not had to borrow any money during the year. The income has this year, as in other years, come from the good women, of whom there are now 313 scattered over the State, and with whom the chairman of the Board seeks to keep up a continuous correspondence. The aggregate of many small contributions proclaims the power of little things. If in addition to the work of the women, the pastors would take two collections for this work during each year, the problem would be solved concerning the support of those who are laid aside from labor. The apathy of many of the pastors, the actual refusal of help on the part of others, cannot be accounted for, but we are not deterred by these things. If it is right—and it must be right—to lend a helping hand to the old and needy, we must simply wink at opposition, and pity the condition of those otherwise good brethren who, for reasons they have never given, are unwilling to fall into in this work. It is to be hoped that God will lay upon the hearts of his people the needs of this most gracious charity, and that another year will bring about a great awakening among the pastors on this subject. A cup of cold water "in his name," may be all well enough when cold water is the only thing needed; but amid the failing energies of age, when the needs of the poor human body seem to multiply in some directions, God's people cannot be satisfied with any such meagre charity. Rather let us see that these old men shall receive, not merely the honor due them, and a cup of cold water "in his name," but also the means necessary for providing them with warm clothing, abundant food and a few of the luxuries of life if possible. There is no worthier charity in the world.

Respectfully submitted. C. C. BROWN, Ch'm'n.

Report on Report of Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

Your Committee to which was referred the report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board beg leave to submit the following: We note with pleasure the work that is being done by this Board. We are gratified to

see this work, so long neglected by the Baptists of our State, taking stronger hold upon the hearts of our people year by year. The reports of this Board have shown each successive year a growing interest in this most beautiful of all charities, and to this rule the present report is no exception.

As the contributions to the Board have increased, the list of beneficiaries has been enlarged until now all demands upon the Board have been met and all our worthy, worn-out preachers making applications have been helped to some extent. We heartily commend the work of this Board and extend to them our sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted. J. B. PARROTT, for Com.

Report of Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies.

Your Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies report: We have received and forwarded from October 1, 1896, to October 1, 1898, for Foreign Missions, $3,162.16; for Home Missions, $1,128.49; for State Missions, $624.28. The postage and printing expenses of the Committee amounted to $74.72, making the total of our receipts $4,988.65, contributed by 195 Woman's Mission Societies and 61 Children's Bands. This is a small increase in the total of our receipts over those of last year, but we regret to note a decrease in the amount for Foreign Missions.

Undesignated funds we have divided as usual, appropriating 1-6 to Home Missions, 1-6 to State Missions and 4-6 to Foreign Missions, sending all designated amounts according to the wishes of the donors. The amount used for postage and printing expenses was deducted from the receipts in the same proportion.

We thank the brethren for much kindness and sympathy shown us in our work, and we again request them to use their influence to have contributions of Woman's Mission Societies and Children's Bands, for Foreign, Home or State Missions sent to the Central Committee. The amounts can be sent us by the officers of the churches if preferred, but we wish in some way to keep in close touch with the Societies. We will be glad to correspond with any who wish explanations of our plans, or who may desire to make suggestions in reference to our work. We will be pleased to have pastors suggest names of ladies in churches where there are no Societies, with whom we may correspond in reference to organizing. Our desire is to have a Woman's Mission Society (an active, working Society) in every Baptist church in South Carolina.

We will be glad to furnish our Annual Report to any who may desire to look into the details of our work; also to send to any who will apply, specimen copies of the Foreign Mission Journal and our Home Field, Christmas Offering Envelopes in any quantity desired, Programs for the Christmas Offering and for the Week of Prayer and other free literature.

Respectfully submitted. CENTRAL COMMITTEE, W. M. S.
Society Hill, S. C.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The missionary idea is as old as Christianity, for it is Christianity embodying the spirit that characterized God's in the gift of his only begotten Son. So nearly one are they in spirit that some one has said, "the church non-missionary is non-Christian," and what is true of the church is true of the individual. There are many who claim to have the Spirit of Christ; they say "Lord, Lord," but they haven't any of the missionary spirit; they do not do the things which he has commanded.

The idea of missions was a dominant force in the apostolic churches, and it did not originate with them, for the early disciples were content to remain at Jerusalem, confining their work to Jews, but God would thrust them out and send them "far hence to the Gentiles." Christ would have his gospel preached to all nations, for he said to them, "Go ye into all the world."

On leaving them he commanded them to tarry at Jerusalem for the Spirit, "and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." It is ours then to witness, it is his to make it effectual, and this he does, for there never has been a time when the blessing of God did not rest upon every effort, and this is in accordance with the declaration of his word, "forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." This should encourage us amidst our seeming failures.

The last report made to the Southern Baptist Convention opens with this sentence: "The past year has been full of the blessing of our heavenly Father on the work which he has entrusted to us in foreign lands." Again: "While in some respects it has been a year of great difficulties and trials, yet the Lord has prospered us continually." The difficulties and trials may have been helps instead of hindrances. Whenever or wherever we preach the gospel, we are going to meet with difficulties, we are to be opposed at every turn in the way. It was persecution that drove them out of Jerusalem, and they went everywhere preaching Christ, and later it was said the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. When Paul met with fierce opposition, he was beaten, put in prison, he founded a church which was afterwards a source of great joy and help to him. No other church helped him so much and to none other did he send such words of praise. The same enemy whom Paul characterizes as the "wily devil" is still "going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour," and any encroachments made on his territory will be resisted. The work of Christ is to win this world, and the work of Satan to keep it in darkness. Mission work rests not upon the success of our effort, but upon the commands of our Saviour "Go ye," &c. Though to all human appearance we have been unsuccessful, that is no reason for giving up our work, but for becoming more earnest in prayer and effort. It may be that we haven't asked for the wisdom that cometh from above, and we need to change our plans Ours is to obey, God's to give success. There have been enough visible results to prove to any unprejudiced mind that "missions are not a failure," and when we realize that the hundred years have in a very large measure

been given to sowing, laying the foundation, reckoning not only what we already have, but what we are certain to have, as a result of efforts already put forth, we should be encouraged.

The Lord has called from among us since our last meeting one of our most efficient workers, a missionary at heart, Dr. H. H. Harris, who died on the 4th of February of this year. His whole heart was in missions; he thought, he prayed, he planned for missions, and our success in a large measure is due to his wisdom which was from above. Wherever he went, he set other souls on fire for missions. It is said that there were twenty-six young men in the Seminary at the time of his death who wanted to go to the foreign field. No doubt his influence had a great deal to do with it. For nineteen years he was a member of the Board and for nine years its president. O for more such men who, like the great Apostle to the Gentiles, realizing that they are debtors to those who haven't heard of Christ, will lay themselves out to save others!

The Lord has blessed the workers on the field. There has been one death among the missionaries, Mrs. W. P. Winn, which occurred a year ago. She and her husband sailed for Africa in May, 1896; but a little more than a year on the field, and she was called up higher.

Several of the missionaries have been forced to return home for a much needed rest, the health of some making it a necessity; in some of the fields the climate is so severe that it is absolutely necessary for one to make a change every few years in order to do the greatest possible good. A year's rest may add many years to the missionary's life. A returned missionary from Brazil said that one ought not remain in that climate more than five years at a time, and that one of our missionaries there couldn't withstand the inroads the climate and the work are making upon his health without a change. Some who have returned home are ready and anxious to go back to their fields of labor, but there is no money with which to send them. If these who have been on the field, learned the language, cannot be returned, of course no new ones can be sent out, though there are many making application. We have prayed for laborers, the Lord has answered; must we cease praying? Each application increases our responsibility. We need to pray the Lord of the harvest to put it into the hearts of his people to bring their "tithes into the storehouse."

Africa is still the dark continent, but the light is breaking, the gospel is preached, and men and women are turning unto the Lord. There are six missionaries, seven native assistants, six churches, two out-stations; membership, 284; contributions, $393.00.

China is anxious to hear the missionaries. The reports coming from South, North, and Central China are all encouraging. There are 20 churches, 37 out-stations, 39 missionaries, 43 native assistants: membership, 1,364; contributions, $1,793.00.

Brazil.—Work begun in 1882; 18 churches, 17 out-stations, 10 missionaries, 11 native assistants; membership, 1,022; contributions, $3,000.00.

Italy.—Work begun in 1870; churches, 21; out-stations, 56; missiona-

ries, 3; natives, 28; baptisms, 93; membership, 490; contributions, $800.00.

Japan.—Work begun 1889: 1 church, 5 out-stations, 6 missionaries, 4 native assistants, 8 baptisms; membership, 48; contributions, $48.00.

Mexico.—Work begun 1880; churches, 29; out-stations, 24; missionaries, 15; native assistants, 17; baptisms, 112; membership, 1,116; contributions, $614.00.

We have 190 missionaries and native assistants, 660 baptisms during the year, 4,324 members and $125,601.99 in contributions. The idea of self-support among the churches seems to be on the increase; no money is spent on erecting buildings except what has been designated by the giver. In many places a house is about as necessary as a missionary.

Some things necessary for successful mission work:

Converted Membership.—We can't expect those who have never experienced the transforming power of God's grace to realize what it can do for others.

Conviction.—The world is already lost. That Jesus is the only way of escape. None other name, &c., feel toward the world as Christ felt. We need missionaries at heart, at home as well as abroad.

Consecration.—Surrender of our all to Christ; put it into his hands though it be small, for it is what we can do and what God can do with what we have.

More Systematic Giving.—Giving which will enable us to do our work on a cash basis. The one distressing thing about our work is the interest we pay; last year we had to pay $2,160.34, enough to employ several missionaries, besides the worry it gives our Board. Credit system is as bad in religious work as in any other.

We Need to do More to Evangelize our State.—Give more to State Missions, for where we find a church organized by the State Mission Board, we find a mission church.

We Need Information.—This we can get from reading the Journal and literature from the mission rooms, our religious papers and periodicals, all of which give considerable space to missions, and missionary biography, becoming acquainted with the men and women who laid the foundation, preaching more about our work, not going by on the other side.

We Need More Faith in God.—Work in the dark if he sees best; though like the disciples we have fished all night and caught nothing, let us cast in the net one more time in faith. Believe that the heathen shall be given to his son for an inheritance, &c.

We Need to Pray More.—For if we pray earnestly for something, we will work for it. Above all, we need the Holy Spirit to guide, to comfort, to make our efforts tell for God and humanity.

Respectfully submitted. G. A. WRIGHT.

Report on Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board does mission work within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and in Cuba. Its field is a vast one and its work is a mighty agency in Christianizing the people of this vast and

rapidly developing country. No money is more wisely expended for the progress of the kingdom of God in the world than that which is used for this purpose. It is strengthening the foundations of world-wide evangelization.

1. The special fields upon which the Board is expending its efforts are: (1.) The Western frontier, including the western border of Texas, the Indian Territory and Oklahoma; (2.) The foreign populations, *i. e.*, the Germans and Italians in Baltimore, the Germans in Washington City, Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City, and interior towns in Missouri and Texas, the French in Louisiana and Missouri, and the Mexicans in Texas and New Mexico; (3.) Cuba, where the work is now unfortunately almost at a stand-still during the war for independence, but a good work is being done among the Cubans resident in Key West, Jacksonville and Tampa, Florida: (4.) The mountain regions of Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia; (5.) Several of our large centers of population, such as New Orleans, Jackson, Miss., Baltimore, Nashville and Memphis; (6.) Among the Negroes in the States of Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, under a plan of co-operation with the Home Mission Society and the State Boards, both white and Negro. In this department of work a large number of institutes have been held for the instruction of the Negro preachers and leaders, and the results have been gratifying.

2. In its methods the Board operates two systems. In the one it receives money and expends it directly upon its fields; in the other it co-operates with the State Boards of several States, supplementing its contributions to these Boards by authorizing them to collect and expend Home Mission money upon their respective fields and send the vouchers to the Board in Atlanta.

3. During the year ending May 1st, 1897, the contributions for Home Mission work proper amounted to $78,340.35. In addition the Board received vouchers for $97,211.82 raised and expended, $51,540.00 of which was expended in church building.

It will be seen that the amount given by Southern Baptists for Home Mission work proper is very meagre when measured against the immense needs of the field. Of this amount South Carolina contributed $5,712.72, of which $611.35 is the valuation of the boxes of merchandise sent by our good women to the needy frontier missionaries. While these figures give South Carolina a very respectable standing among her sister States, they are very far from being a correct measure of the ability and obligation of our people. Again we say that no more effective and important work can be done for the extension of the Lord's Kingdom than the planting of churches among the rapidly increasing populations of our Southern country.

Respectfully submitted. C. S. GARDNER, Ch'm'n.

Report on Sunday Schools.

A Sunday school is in fact a church engaged in studying and teaching the Holy Scriptures. This blessed work, in its organized form, has been in existence only a few years. The progress which it has made in means and methods during this short period is most wonderful.

But even with the present high attainments of this glorious work we are forced to observe that there is still room for much needed improvements. For instance, the means or helps generally used are not altogether commendable for the study of the Word of God. If we should study any other literature by patches like we study the Bible, it would be intolerable. The fundamental reason for this criticism is that it is impossible to arrive at the thoughts embodied in the language of the Holy Scriptures in this hop, skip and jump way. The only correct way of finding the real divine thoughts embodied in the language of the various books of the Bible, is to study it book by book according to the rules and principles involved in induction. But as a committee we cannot do otherwise than recommend our own Baptist Sunday School Helps, yet at the same time we shall rejoice to see the day when the managers shall conform to this great principle involved in the correct study of any literature.

The same suggestion may be made in regard to management and teaching in our schools. In fact some of our schools seem to be perfect strangers to good management and good teaching. And those who do follow some system or method in this work are not generally in possession of the best ones. Our schools should endeavor to become acquainted with and employ the best methods to secure the desired ends in view. And with this end in view the officers and teachers will be very much benefited by studying the methods employed in our so-called secular schools. Then another important means which may be used for the improvement of our Sunday school work is the modern Baptist institute work. In these institutes the most efficient Sunday school workers are employed to give special instructions on Sunday school work for the special benefit of the officers and teachers. Furthermore, the Sunday School Conventions and Chautauquas may be used to the greatest advantage in this work in our State as in other States. And now since the study and teaching of the Holy Scriptures is foundation work in the spread of the gospel, and consequently so exceedingly important, should we not seek after and employ the most efficient methods obtainable for the prosecution of this great and glorious work?

The Sunday school cause in our State has not received as much attention as it demanded. In the annual associations this important work receives only a passing notice. Then even in the annual State Convention seldom does it receive more attention than the reading of a short report. And consequently we have no special agency for the agitation and improvement of our Sunday school work. Consequently it behooves us as Baptists in South Carolina to inaugurate some special means to be used solely for the betterment of this foundation work in the propagation of

the gospel. And it appears to your committee that divine Providence has most signally prepared the way for the beginning of such a work in our State in placing into the hands of our denomination the Cæsar's Head hotel. The Baptists of South Carolina are now in a position to hold an annual Sunday School Chautauqua. And this is just what we now need in our Sunday school work.

Now after thoughtful and prayerful deliberation on this subject, we offer the following recommendations: (1.) That our schools give more attention to memorizing the Scriptures; (2.) That our schools give more attention to the teachings of our distinctive doctrines by using appropriate catechisms; (3.) That this Convention, now in session, appoint a Sunday School Chautauqua to be held at Cæsar's Head the latter part of next August; (4.) That this Convention now in session appoint a committee of five brethren to inaugurate this work.

Respectfully submitted. B. P. ROBERTSON, Ch'm'n.

Report on Report of Sunday School Committee.

Your committee to whom was referred the report on Sunday Schools, submit the following statement:

We have carefully and thoughtfully considered the report and commend its general suggestions to the brethren of the Convention and the State. At the end of the report are four recommendations, the first two of which we heartily endorse, the last two we deem impracticable.

A. C. WILKINS.
J. O. GOUGH.
R. T. MARSH.
W. E. JOHNSON.
J. A. ROBINSON.

Report on Education.

The giving to our children of that education of head and heart which will fit them for true living in this world is of paramount importance. No parent can afford to treat this subject lightly as if it were of little or no moment when the education of those whom God has given to him is of such pre-eminent importance. Good schools and good teachers are a necessity in any community. Recognizing this, our fathers and forefathers d'd the best they could, perhaps, in sowing the seed which in after years they hoped might germinate, grow and develop into that which might be of lasting good educationally to succeeding generations.

As monuments to the labors and self-denials and sacrifices of our forefathers stand Furman University and the Greenville Female College today. Our ancestors, many of them, have long since passed away, and we are now enjoying the fruit of their labors. It was for a long time, in the history of our denomination in this State that Furman University,

the Greenville Female College and Cooper-Limestone Institute were the only schools the Baptists had for the higher education of their sons and daughters. For many years these institutions have been a power for good in the training of our sons and daughters mentally, morally, and religiously. The best part of the lives of many whom we could mention, and who labored in these institutions, have been lovingly devoted to the good work of educating our children. But it is not the sole purpose of this report to recount the noble deeds of those who have gone on before us.

We direct the attention of the brethren, then, to the work that has lately been done in the establishment and management and maintenance of private schools, acedemies, and associational schools in different parts of the State. We refer with pleasure to the good work accomplished by the Welsh Neck High School located at Hartsville, and of which our brother J. W. Gaines is the worthy principal. The good which this school is doing cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, but is fondly looked for in the mental, moral, and religious development of those whose fortune it shall be to enjoy its advantages. We are proud of the record which this school has already made, and confidently expect still greater achievements for it in the future. Mention might also be made of the Bamberg Classical School, the South Carolina Co-educational Institute at Williston, of which brother F. N. K. Bailey is the principal, the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute at Orangeburg, the North Greenville High School, located at Tigerville, the Campobello High School, at Campobello, and many others, which, although not properly speaking Baptist schools, are under the direction and control to a greater or less degree of Baptist influence. In some of these schools the principal and all of his assistants are Baptists. They are in deed and in truth Baptist schools of high grade, whose establishment seemed to be necessary for the training of the young in those communities where they are located Those who manage these schools are for the most part our own brethren and sisters. They need our sympathy, our prayers, our support and our patronage. Let us see that they get these. Let us stand by our brethren in every good word and work. In looking over the State then, and observing the instruments and agencies at work for encouraging and facilitating the onward march of education among our people, we look up and thank God that he has so wonderfully blessed us with good schools and good teachers and that our people are beginning to some extent at least to appreciate the blessings of God upon us.

J. R. MACK, for Com.

Report on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows : Through the great mercies of our Heavenly Father our report is quite short and does not record the death of many prominent figures of this Convention.

Though many good men have dropped out of our ranks to join the great majority, yet with very few exceptions they were seldom seen on the floor of our Convention. For the most part they were men who did their work in quiet corners of the Lord's vineyard and whose departure was witnessed only by the people among whom they labored. While we mourn their departure, yet we feel that we have abundant cause for gratitude that we have lost so few from the ranks of our active workers.

REV. WELCOME H. MOSELEY.

This worthy man fell on sleep in Aiken county June 29th last. He was a native of Aiken county, and did his life work for the people among whom he was reared. He was well known in his own and adjoining counties, and highly esteemed as a man and a faithful minister of the gospel. He was what is called a self-made man, and his ministrations were acceptable to the churches and were blessed of God in the salvation of many souls. In all the relations of life, as a neighbor, citizen, soldier in defence of his country and soldier of the cross, he was highly esteemed, and his influence for good will be felt for time to come.

REV. JONAS TROWELL.

This brother died in the Savannah River Association during the present year. Though little information concerning this brother has been laid before your committee, yet we learn that he was a consecrated man of God, and enjoyed the confidence of his brethren as a faithful preacher. He did his work in the destitute portions of his own section, laboring for people who were not able to furnish him adequate compensation; hence, in his old age he was dependent upon the gifts of the brethren of the State for the means of living.

REV. R. J. EDWARDS.

This man of God died during the year near Orangeburg. He had been a faithful preacher in this section of the State for many years, and at one time was a missionary of the State Board. Those who knew him best esteemed him most highly as a true servant of Christ, and an acceptable preacher in his field.

REV. J. E. PELLUM.

This brother died in the Colleton Association during the present year, aged 59, and having been in the active work of the ministry about 15 years. His labors were confined chiefly to four churches in his own section, and his brethren esteemed him as a true man and a faithful preacher of the Word.

REV. LEWIS KINSEY,

Of Colleton Association, died during the past summer, aged 56 years. He was a licensed preacher, but your committee have not been able to glean further information concerning him.

REV. A. R. WAITES,

Of the Edgefield Association, died last January, aged 50 years. This

brother was known as a good man among his brethren, and was always ready to render any service for Jesus Christ which the providence of God called him to perform.

REV. W. PINCKNEY TURNER,

Of Piedmont, died in July, aged 66 years. Your Committee have not been able to obtain any facts about this brother that would enable them to present anything like an adequate obituary notice.

Quite a number of our laymen have fallen during the present year, but very few of them had ever been members of this Convention. We can mention only those who had been prominent, either in their Association or in this Convention.

DEACON JAS. H. WIDEMAN

Died this year in the Abbeville Association after a long life of faithful service. For fifty years he was a deacon of Horeb church, and magnified his office by a conscientious discharge of all his official duties. He was for many years treasurer of the Edgefield Association, and for seventeen years he was Moderator of the Abbeville Association. He was a man of broad culture, a graduate of the South Carolina College in its palmiest days, and he laid upon the altar of God's service his fine native abilities, and the fruits of his ample scholarship. He was often seen in our Conventions, both State and Southern Baptist, and always commanded the highest respect and confidence of his brethren, and his counsels were wise and timely and helpful. After a long life of faithful service in Christ's training school here below, he was graduated and entered upon a higher service, for which, by grace, we believe he was amply prepared.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MORRALL.

This brother died in the Savannah River Association some months ago. He had long been a prominent figure in his Association, and was highly esteemed and greatly honored as a good man and true Christian, and was very zealous in all the work in which the brethren of the Savannah River Association engaged. His brethren mourn his departure because they feel that in his death they have sustained a great loss

DR. FURMAN E. WILSON,

a deacon of the Welsh Neck church, died last spring at Society Hill. He had long been an office-bearer in his church and was widely known in his section as a hightoned gentleman and a noble Christian. He was ever ready to render services as deacon, as member of his church, and in every other way in which it was possible for him to glorify God. His brethren held him in the highest esteem as a Christian gentleman, and his community regarded him as one of its best citizens, public spirited, kind to the poor and to all who needed his assistance. His example was a benediction to all.

Respectfully submitted. J. W. PERRY, Ch'm'n.

Resolutions of Thanks of Woman's Mission Union.

At the closing meeting held by the women of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved 1. That thanks be returned to the'r hosts of Rock Hill friends for all their lavish hospitality and sweet attentions. What can we heartily wish for them but God bless you and dear old Rock Hill!

2. The Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist State Convention appreciate the warm welcome that the Presbyterian sisters afforded them in the use of the comfortable room in their handsome church during our business sessions. May the Lord crown with great success all their work, and in return be their friend even as they have been ours during our sojourn in this hospitable city.

3. That our heartiest thanks be extended to the faculty and students of Winthrop College for the warm welcome and most enjoyable reception tendered us when in their midst. May God bless them as a College and individually, and cause them to prosper, and we most earnestly pray for a long continuation of the existence of this institution so beneficial in its uplifting of South Carolina women.

MISS L. C. BUDD,
MRS. JOHN. L. WHITE, } Com.

Standing Committees.

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Sunday Schools—J. A. Brown, H. F. Oliver, Henry Martin, M. W. Gordon, W. E. Thayer.

Education—F. N. K. Bailey, J. W. Gaines, A. B. Stallworth, A. C. Osborn, T. H. Edwards.

Obituaries—J. W. Perry, Chairman, J. S. Jordan, E. E. Bomar, T. P. Lide, S. C. Smith, F. C. Hickson, J. H. Yarborough, J. M. Hough, A. Finch, W. J. Snider, G. W. Bussey, H. K. Ezell, F. P. Covington, J. S. McLemore, B. J. Woodward, J. S. Croxton, B. K. Truluck, N. A. Hemrick, E. P. Easterling, J. W. Blanton, R. B. Watson, R. W. Sanders, J. W. Kenney, J. G. Williams, W. P. Holland, D. P. Montgomery, W. L. Brown, W. H. Edwards.

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MINISTERS ORDAINED, 1897.

A. W. Weatherly, Santee church, Berkeley County, February 21.
A. B. Kennedy, Sulphur Springs, Union County, February 27.
S. A. Cooper, Locust, Greenville County, April 16.
J. E. Bailey, Tigerville, Greenville County, April 16.
W. D. Hammett, Antioch, Spartanburg County, May 2.
J. B. Peacock, Beulah, Aiken County, May 9.
A. L. Dunston, Rutherford Street, Greenville, May 16.
A. D. Woodle, First Church, Greenville, May 30.
W. M. Riley, First Church, Anderson, May 30.
S. A. McDaniel, Mt. Airy, Anderson County, June 19.
W. J. Plunkett, Levels, Aiken County, June 27.
C. H. Holland, Cedar Grove, Anderson County, August 8.
A. L. Prisoc, Holly Grove, Laurens County, September 25.
George Hopkins, Jamisons, Orangeburg County, November 5.
T. W Malphrus, Gnat Swamp.

CHURCHES CONSTITUTED, 1897.

South Side, Richland County, March 8.
Lucknow, Sumter County, March 14.
Beaverdam, Kershaw County, —.
Gaston, Lexington County, May 2.
Stevens' Mill, Lancaster County, June 17.
Grace Church, Orangeburg, July 1.
Second Church, Union, July 1.
Wilksburg, Chester County, July 18.
Bethel, Lancaster County, August 5.
Indian Hill, Beaufort County, August 8.
Second Church, Pelzer, August 29.
Little River, Laurens County, August, —.
Kline, Barnwell County, September 16.
Shiloh, Cherokee County, ——— —.
Fant's Grove, Anderson County, ——— —.
Antioch, Lancaster County. ——— —.
Oak Ridge, Kershaw County, ——— —.
Second Church, Lancaster, November 8.
Sand Ridge, Berkeley County, October 10.
Bay Spring, Chesterfield County, October —.

MEETING HOUSES DEDICATED, 1897.

Mountville, Laurens County, January —.
Pleasant Mountain, Barnwell County, April 18.
Fountain Inn, Greenville County, April 25.
Mountain Creek, Edgefield County, May 30.
Providence, Orangeburg County, July 18.
Philippi, Edgefield County, July 25.
J. A W. Thomas Memorial, Bennettsville, August 1.
Corinth No. 1, Anderson County, September 19.
Walterboro, Colleton County, October 3.
Greenwood, Greenwood County, November 7.
Antioch, Lancaster County, ——— —.
Beaverdam, Kershaw County, —— —.
Mt. Olive, Barnwell County, —— —.
Pine Grove, Chesterfield County, May —.

MINISTERS DECEASED. 1897.

"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death, and
I Will Give Thee a Crown of Life."

A. R. Waites, Johnston, January —, aged 50.
W. H. Moseley, Aiken, May 29, aged 59.
R. J. Edwards, Orangeburg, June 29, aged 70.
W. Pinckney Turner, Piedmont, July 1, aged 66.
Jonas Trowell, Ridgeland, July 25, aged 70.
J. T. Burdine, Pickens County, October.
Geo. E. Bolen, near Orangeburg, December 6, 1896, aged 56.
J. L. Driggers.
Allen Small, Flint Ridge, aged 79.
J. E. Pellum, Walterboro, aged 59.
Lewis Kinsey, Bell's Cross Road's, aged 56.
J. T. Gwyn, Spartanburg, February 22.

"The Memory of the Just is Blessed."

Report of Treasurer of Board of Ministerial Education.

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH, Jr., Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Ministerial Education of South Carolina.

1896.		Dr.		
Nov. 30.	Balance on hand			$ 9 65
	Contributions received—			
	From Laurens Association for 1897	$ 20 71		
	" Spartanburg "	69 32		
	" Edisto "	95		
	" Santee "	31 83		
	" Broad River "	.....		
	" Beaverdam "	2 50		
	" York "	2 60		
	" Orangeburg "	5 00		
	" Marion "	36 00		
	" Ridge "	10 00		
	" Southeast "	3 15		
	" Saluda "	17 26		
	" Charleston "	41 45		
	" Aiken "	18 74		
	" Barnwell "	23 11		
	" Abbeville "	67 03		
	" Athens, Ga., J. T. Fields	8 00		
	" Welsh Neck Association	130 07		
	" Reedy River "	11 13		
	" Florence "	11 00		
	" Pee Dee "	76 52		
	" Edgefield "	20 00		
	" Greenville "	60 79		
	" Moriah "	7 50		
	" North Greenville Ass'n	1 75		
	" Chester "	63 25		
	" Savannah River "	25 06		
	Miscellaneous from W. W. Keys	10 29		
	T. O. Lawton overpaid on last session and returned		50	$775 51
	Total am't of Cash on hand and rec'd since last report...			$785 16

1896.		Cr.	
Dec. 21.	Paid J. H. A. Carter, board for J. B. Johns	$4 80	
Dec. 23.	" C. H. Rivers, bd. for A. D. Woodle	6 18	
Dec. 26.	" A. L. Dunston for his board	5 50	
1897.			
Jan. 6.	" Keys & Thomas, printing	4 75	
Jan. 23.	" A. L. Dunston for his board	5 50	
Feb. 2.	" J. H. A. Carter for bd. J. B. Johns	5 49	
Feb. 4.	" C. H. Rivers for bd. A. M. Woodle	5 50	
Feb. 4.	" J. H. A. Carter bd. for H. R. Chapman	5 65	
Feb. 10.	" Keys & Thomas, printing minutes	8 45	
Feb. 10.	" Exchange on Cheraw check	10	
Feb. 16.	" Keys & Thomas for printing	3 00	
Feb. 17.	" B. E. Geer, Treas., tuition, incidental and room rent for R. E. Small	45 00	
	" B. E. Geer, Treas., tuition and room rent.	10 00	
	" B. E. Geer, Treas., tuition A. L. Dunston.	25 00	

	Paid	B. E. Geer, Treas., tuit. L. C. Blanton....	25 00	
	"	B. E. Geer, Treas., tuit. J. H. Ayers.....	25 00	
	"	B. E. Geer, Treas., tuit. J. E. Brakefield..	25 00	
Feb. 27.	"	A. L. Dunston bd. Jan. 23, Feb. 9.....	2 75	
Mar. 2.	"	C. H. Rivers bd. for A. M. Woodle.....	5 28	
Mar. 8.	"	J. H. A. Carter bd. for J. B. Johns.....	5 25	
Mar. 8.	"	J. H. A. Carter bd. for H. R. Chapman....	5 45	
Apl. 3.	"	C. H. Rivers bd. for A. M. Woodle.....	5 81	
Apl. 3.	"	J. H. A. Carter bd. J. B. Johns and H. R. Chapman.....	12 68	
May 3.	"	C. H. Rivers bd. for A. M. Woodle.....	6 04	
May 5.	"	J. H. A. Carter bd. for J. B. Johns.....	5 84	
June 2.	"	C. H. Rivers bd. for A. M. Woodle.....	5 90	
17.	"	J. H. A. Carter bd. for J. B. Johns.....	10 05	
18.	"	C. H. Rivers bd. for A. M. Woodle.....	3 76	
May 26.	"	C. S. Gardner for Seminary.....	16 00	
Aug. 16.	"	R. N. Pratt, Agent for Furman University	1 90	
Nov. 18.	"	Exchange on Chester check.....	10	
27.	"	J. H. A. Carter for D. E. Mellichamp bd. two months.....	13 00	
27.	Cash in bank this day.....		475 43	—$785 16

Respectfully submitted. WM. GOLDSMITH, JR.,
Treasurer Board of Ministerial Education.

I have examined the above account and find it correct, with proper vouchers.
H. T. COOK,
November 29th, 1897. Auditor S. C. S. B. Convention.

Report of Convention Treasurer.

C. H. JUDSON, Treasurer, in account with the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

1897.	DR.	
Mar. 16.	To cash from Mrs. B. C. Pressley per Lord & Taylor for Orphanage.....	$230 00
Dec. 6.	To cash, Convention collection.....	15 66
	Total.....	$245 66
1897.	CR.	
Mar. 16.	By paid Rev. J. L. Vass, Orphanage.....	$230 00
Dec. 6.	" " D. J. Jenkins, Pres. Orphan Aid Society.....	15 66
	Total.....	$245 66

Respectfully submitted. C. H. JUDSON, Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

D. W. CUTTINO, in account with the Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

DR.

To amount on hand last report	$	517 31
To received from Associations: Abbeville, $71.23; Aiken, $53.69; Barnwell, $72.70; Beaverdam, $50.02; Broad River, $22.16; Charleston, $163.60; Chester, $60.62; Chesterfield, $19.63; Colleton, $10.86; Dorchester, $2; Edgefield, $61.99; Edisto, $19.44; Fairfield, $57.23; Florence, $30.45; Greenville, $68.87; Lake Swamp, $00.25; Laurens, $33.47; Moriah, $51.76; North Greenville, $17.99; Orangeburg, $88.08; Pee Dee, $70.11; Piedmont, $24.06; Reedy River, $51 19; Ridge, $106.39; Saluda, $95.34; Santee, $152.12; Savannah River, $88.80; South-East, $37.61; Spartanburg, $75.47; Twelve Mile River, $11.00; Union County, $28.96; Waccamaw, $1.50; Welsh Neck, $77.36; York, $29.15; Miscellaneous, $6.75. Total from Associations		1,811 85
		$2,329 16

CR.

By cash in Bank	$	1,013 30
Paid Keys & Thomas on Convention Minutes		15 90
Paid E. F. Miller for printing		23 35
Paid postage of Chairman		41 43
By amount paid beneficiaries: W. H. Hartin, $96; T. W. Mellichamp, $120; J. Trowell, $60; Mrs. M. E. Fewox, $40; Mrs. Susan Hill, $40; Mrs. M. J. Cribb, $50; W. B. Carson, $80; L. Hall, $60; J. G. Carter, $60; J. M. Crain, $60; Mrs. William Brooker, $60; C. A. Baynard, $60; Mrs. R Wilson, $50; Mrs. M. J. Bryan, $36; B. W Whilden, $72; A. W. McGuffin, $60; Mrs. J. Hutchins, $50; A. W. Mosely, $72; Mrs. S. E. Young, $45; R. J. Edwards, $24; Mrs A. M. Hoover, $25; H. H. Porter, $15.18, (for J. Trowell.)		1,235 10
		$2,329 16

D. W. CUTTINO, Treasurer Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

I HEREBY certify that I have minutely examined the account of Bro. D. W. Cuttino Treasurer of the fund for the Relief of Aged Ministers, and find the same correct, with all the necessary vouchers.

Sumter, S. C., Nov. 26, 1897. ERNEST H. RHAME, Auditor.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board.

T. M. BAILEY, Treasurer, in account with the Executive Board of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

STATE MISSIONS.

1897. DR.

To cash from	Abbeville Association	349 60
	Aiken "	475 44
	Barnwell "	222 96
	Beaverdam "	231 05
	Broad River "	133 27
	Charleston "	393 65
	Chester "	227 07
	Chesterfield "	155 41
	Colleton "	91 17
	Dorchester "	....
	Edgefield "	323 04
	Edisto "	79 06
	Fairfield "	290 02
	Florence "	242 27
	Greenville "	620 75
	North Greenville "	82 67
	Lake Swamp "	....
	Laurens "	341 36
	Lexington "	87 28
	Moriah "	171 93
	Orangeburg "	273 38
	Pee Dee "	360 02
	Piedmont "	80 30
	Reedy River "	239 69
	Ridge "	400 01
	Saluda "	828 16
	Santee "	400 17
	Savannah River "	458 55
	South East "	386 72
	Spartanburg "	681 86
	Twelve Mile River "	14 93
	Union County "	135 03
	Waccamaw "	21 45
	Welsh Neck "	388 33
	York "	175 28
	Central Committee	592 88
	Miscellaneous	5 75
	To interest on Mary Harley Fund	29 25
	To donation of Books from S. S. Board	23 23
	To legacy of R. C. Stewart, Chester	200 00
	To amount borrowed from Colportage Fund	1,399 65
	Total	$11,712 64

CR.

By cash paid	out over receipts of 1896	$ 1,223 06
	for Convention Minutes	106 49
	traveling expenses Board members	62 55
	printing and stationery	19 65
	traveling expenses Corresponding Secretary	249 59
	postage	72 26
	expense on cash received	3 04
	Scriptures donated	27 47
	for tracts	13 50
	freight and express	22 17
	donations to needy Sunday Schools	10 78
	balance of salaries for 1896	3,682 54
	T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary	1,125 17
	J. A. Brown	30 74
	G. H. Burton	26 36
	F. O. S. Curtis	25 00
	G. W. Bussey	25 00
	W. G Britton	50 00
	J. M. Sanders	170 93
	D. W. Thomason	130 00
	W. G. P. Ezell	22 93
	B. F. Hargett	37 01
	J. J. Powers	12 50

By cash paid	Miss E. Y. Hyde	225 00
	J. M. Bostick	6 00
	M. J. Willoughby	427 05
	L. T. Carroll	393 20
	Jabez Ferris	35 00
	H. K. Ezell	71 96
	J. E. Jones	37 87
	J. B. Parrott	58 50
	D. A. Swindler	50 00
	S. N. Watson	28 31
	B. M. Foreman	31 62
	D. H. Crosland	113 25
	J. C. Crouch	27 47
	J. D. Mahon	105 39
	J. W. Blanton	76 34
	M. D. Padgett	20 75
	Wm. Brown	25 00
	W. T. Tate	66 00
	J. W. Kenney	72 98
	J. N. Entzminger	25 00
	J. J. Myers	2 15
	Wm. H. Dowling	187 50
	J. T. Crapse	35 05
	W. P. Holland	25 00
	D. P. Montgomery	165 00
	W. P. Smith	63 35
	J. E. Rogers	12 50
	W. L. Brown	26 40
	R. E. Peele	50 00
	J. W. Bishop	25 00
	H. R. Moseley	33 33
	D. C. Freeman	29 15
	T. H. Garrett	40 03
	J. R. Aiken	75 00
	M. W. Gordon	52 01
	Evans Hall	30 71
	W. D. Crosby	7 82
	W. S. Dorset	170 10
	S. T. Russell	43 01
	J. M. Weaver	10 00
	A. McA. Pittman	24 96
	W. D. Moorer	20 00
	G. W. Harrelson	3 00
	L. A. Swindler	33 45
	J. S. McLemore	415 89
	J. I. Ayres	250 00
	W. G. T. Givens	12 50
	C. P. Ervin	15 00
	E. D. Wells	101 29
	A. Finch	66 16
	G. M. Rogers	25 00
	E. P. Easterling	75 00
	C. E. Burts	150 00
	H. M. Raiford	124 14
	E. R. Roberts	83 21
	E. V. Gassaway	151 00
	in hand	33 50
		$11,712 64

MARY HARLEY FUND.

Dec. 1, 1897—To amount of bequest.	$900 00	By Notes of Second Ch., Columbia, and Chesterfield Ch	$900 00

Church Buildings.

SUMMERVILLE CHURCH.

Dec. 1, 189[illegible]—To balance	$368 25		
To contributions	89 63		
	$457 88	By cash to D. L. Alexander, Treas.,	$457 88

BRANCHVILLE CHURCH.

Dec. 1, 1896—To balance	$ 27 49		
To contributions	9 40		
	$36 89	By cash to W. L. Reeves, Treas.	$36 89

BUNCOMBE STREET CHURCH.

Dec. 1, 1897—To contributions	$33 00	By cash in bank	$33 00

CHURCH BUILDING CHARLESTON.

Dec. 1, 1897—To balance	$674 37	By cash in bank	$674 37

WHITE OAK CHURCH.

Dec. 1, 1897—To contributions	$10 00	By cash to D. C. Cuttino	$10 00

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

To amount of Permanent Fund	$2,987 27	By books in hands of Colporters	$1,127 94
For salaries of Colporters	152 29	By books in office Cor. Sec	258 50
		By loan to State Missions	1,399 65
		By cash in bank	353 47
	$3,139 56		$3,139 56

THIS is to certify that I have carefully examined the account of Dr. T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the South Carolina State Convention, showing receipts and expenditures to the above date, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

H. T. COOK, Auditor S. C. B. S. C.

Report of Treasurer of Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

J. L. VASS, Treasurer, in account with Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

1897.				DR.		
Nov.	30.	To	amount brought forward from last year.	$1,136 07		
"	"	"	cash from Associations	5,949 08		
"	"	"	" personal	420 31		
"	"	"	" from two bequests	430 00		
"	"	"	" other sources	287 34		
			Total cash	$8,222 70		
			To contributions in kind	1,483 79		$9,706 49
				CR.		
Nov.	30.	By cash	to four matrons	$600 00		
"	"	"	to three teachers	640 00		
"	"	"	to Superintendent	1,200 00		
"	"	"	to T. C. Chiles	120 00		
"	"	"	to provisions, clothing, books, medicine, etc	2,374 00		
"	"	"	to traveling expenses	162 06		
"	"	"	to postage, printing & stationery	92 72		
"	"	"	to labor	196 55		
"	"	"	to freight and express	110 27		
"	"	"	to telephone	18 00		
"	"	"	to building and materials	2,034 16		
"	"	"	to farm and garden	201 13		
"	"	"	to insurance	58 90		
"	"	"	to repairs	26 86		
"	"	"	to furnishing	174 46		
"	"	"	to land lease	200 00		
"	"	"	to printing Convention minutes.	87 00		
"	"	"	to Mrs. Nancy Hawkins' bequest.	180 24		$8,458 35
"	"	"	in bank			1,248 14
						$9,706 49

[NOTE —The above account was duly audited, but the copy with certificate attached is not in hands of Secretary.]

GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS, 1897.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Ordained Ministers.	Churches.	Increase. By Baptism.	Increase. By Letter	Increase. By Restoration.	Decrease. By Letter.	Decrease. By Exclusion.	Decrease. By Death.	Total Membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Miscellaneous.	Aggregate.	Value of Church Property.
Abbeville	11	22	72	112	3	75	16	23	1,912	$610 27	$229 87	$613 35	$228 41	$267 74	$75 46	$ 14,634 65	$ 16,659 75	$ 44,474
Aiken	15	29	183	87	34	105	72	38	2,799	212 45	225 96	175 59	21 45	85 87	22 14	3.880 63	4,624 09	21,750
Barnwell	11	37	150	107	48	134	55	56	4,304	197 64	142 24	339 09	54 47	99 64	62 73	4,595 98	5,491 79	*30,025
Beaverdam	12	36	197	120	18	137	82	21	2,533	157 34	106 04	228 50	15 78	44 19	56 96	2,519 65	3,128 46	15,430
Broad River	18	32	247	189	20	149	38	68	4,446	127 71	66 70	188 58	103 00	132 24	35 31	6,796 93	7,450 47	22,075
Charleston	17	31	262	89	15	69	14	38	2,596	451 39	664 62	733 07	307 48	177 16	203 81	11,324 82	13,862 35	129,175
Chester	8	14	84	35	6	53	6	21	1,599	301 60	287 43	326 37	19 05	212 40	64 75	+136 00	1.347 60	*32,050
Chesterfield	8	21	146	51	50	72	28	15	1,780	74 27	23 00	46 70	17 45	64 51	13 80	....	239 73	*6,000
Colleton	6	22	122	38	26	29	84	17	2,078	74 95	11 57	25 96	....	9 67	....	48 20	170 35	*8,600
Dorchester	6	..	20	18	4	1	..	2	466	1 59	78	79	....	5 21	....	....	8 37	2,135
Edgefield	7	18	89	31	11	72	18	26	2,163	203 42	135 70	195 10	15 00	139 81	73 08	4,168 25	4,930 36	29,325
Edisto	4	14	143	39	20	76	33	19	1,620	78 29	24 18	39 74	7 00	46 17	27 66	1,552 52	1.774 56	9,400
Fairfield	12	30	88	72	10	58	17	20	1,664	281 73	57 21	275 11	62 47	116 73	73 13	6.874 52	7,740 90	*51,125
Florence	9	16	105	74	11	54	23	20	1,690	327 41	96 38	289 14	21 00	116 65	40 84	4,002 43	4,893 85	27.000
Greenville	24	30	189	255	27	254	156	49	5,030	796 19	388 12	1,025 85	184 87	300 38	79 61	12,129 11	14,904 13	64,325
Lake Swamp	2	*6	22	11	5	1	6	1	385	50	75	14 62	....	2 50	25	187 98	206 60	1,065
Laurens	14	25	134	111	18	87	31	23	2,604	365 14	176 00	332 20	52 31	203 68	58 09	6,388 52	7.575 94	34,100
Lexington	8	22	114	64	3	36	25	16	1,425	10 46	1 83	5 50	....	10 00	5 60	2,792 21	2,825 60	*9,500
Moriah	12	26	289	167	80	144	103	36	3,265	159 63	72 17	159 27	42 32	64 85	48 20	4.404 16	4,950 60	16,360
North Greenville	33	31	169	108	15	122	55	55	3,994	78 58	87 42	105 39	5 38	49 76	18 50	2,381 53	2,726 56	15,190
Orangeburg	16	31	145	96	24	99	28	43	2,930	214 51	71 12	64 92	161 76	105 26	113 24	8,184 97	8,915 78	60,000
Pee Dee	14	36	210	100	35	108	43	36	3,281	279 59	159 69	321 27	354 39	166 35	89 03	+268 30	1,638 62	46,650
Piedmont	11	21	138	91	9	89	16	23	2,024	38 85	28 13	41 82	15 50	57 32	28 14	2,696 59	2,906 35	12,275
Reedy River	9	18	56	51	3	62	3	25	1,308	227 70	174 14	330 03	46 05	246 97	56 52	3.624 44	4,705 85	21,350
Ridge	14	20	158	69	12	41	24	43	2,747	373 42	283 53	616 26	71 67	168 29	99 39	6,002 69	7,615 25	31,450
Saluda	20	36	282	176	29	279	35	65	5,642	754 83	655 58	1,427 19	244 38	720 29	132 53	10,263 51	14.198 31	59,150
Santee	17	28	204	117	21	71	60	26	2,909	447 21	200 18	483 05	90 78	349 02	168 12	8,076 65	9,815 01	35,718
Savannah River	16	42	146	50	11	98	31	39	2,579	327 74	115 64	366 99	33 71	125 70	103 13	5.053 87	6,126 78	37,600
Southeast	13	31	58	51	5	25	11	10	1,564	265 75	28 56	105 99	35 24	723 50	28 74	2,194 70	3.382 48	13,285
Spartanburg	23	41	353	426	40	325	132	85	6,831	817 29	587 74	1.107 58	428 45	615 86	89 40	13.997 33	17.643 65	63.050
Twelve Mile River	32	34	231	86	15	94	28	23	2,850	7 54	1 70	6 43	....	3 14	10 64	902 30	931 75	*8,525
Union County	6	19	38	52	3	84	12	27	1,668	112 52	33 00	159 43	26 59	42 16	31 51	3,668 36	4,073 57	*17,450
Waccamaw	19	*41	119	62	37	51	69	22	3,207	....	1 70	60 64	....	27 96	60	18 95	109 85	*10,300
Welsh Nesh	8	20	174	74	24	82	20	34	2,602	413 50	372 26	660 12	836 52	236 27	113 66	+433 36	3,065 69	38,000
York	8	16	167	40	20	142	30	21	2,098	105 55	62 59	191 45	19 35	79 53	23 15	4,509 65	4,991 27	24,150
Total		896	5,304	3,319	712	3,378	1,404	1,086	92,593	8,896 56	$5,572 53	$11,063 09	$3,521 83	$5,816 78	$2,047 72	$158,713 76	$195,632 27	$1,048.057

*Supplied rom Minutes of 1896, †Evidently far short of the real amount, but all that was reported by the Clerk.

Some Statistics of the Baptist Denomination in the United States.

[TAKEN FROM THE BAPTIST YEAR BOOK FOR 1897, AND OTHER SOURCES.]

Associations, 1,567: ordained ministers, 27,257; churches, 40,658; baptisms, 172,433; total membership, 3,824,038: value of church property, $84,039,959.

Reported contributions: Missions, $1,222,621.69; education, $165,286.69; salaries and expenses, $8,106,769.56; miscellaneous, $2,214,682.12; aggregate, $11,709,360.06.

Sunday schools, 23,787; officers and teachers, 164,431; pupils, 1,590,190.

Baptist charitable institutions, 33: value of property, $1,525,721.

Baptist Educational Institutions.

	Number.	Instructors.	Pupils.	Total Value of Property.
Theological Seminaries	7	70	1,069	$3,554,185
Universities and Colleges	36	845	11,287	22,737,964
Seminaries for Females	29	386	3,444	4,224,700
Seminaries and Academies (Male and Co-Educational)	64	518	11,676	4,416,370
Institutions for Negroes and Indians	33	280	5,216	1,307,650
Aggregate	169	2099	32,692	$36,240,869

Baptist periodicals published, 119, of which 61 are weekly.

Churches constituted last year, 662; meeting houses dedicated, 351; ministers ordained, 504; ministers received from other denominations, 59; ministers deceascd, 289.

American Baptist missionaries in foreign lands, 424. Southern Baptists have in foreign lands, 80 missionaries, 110 native helpers, 95 churches, 141 outstations, baptized last year, 660; present membership, 4,324; contributions, $6,658.

Southern Baptists have on the home field, 372 missionaries, occupying 1,963 churches and stations. Baptized by them last year, 4,709; churches constituted, 139; houses of worship built, 57.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, raised last year, for Foreign Missions, $23,476.33; for Home Missions, $29,931.31. Of these amounts, the Woman's Mission Societies of South Carolina contributed, to Foreign Missions, $3,447.94; to Home Missions, $1,818.94.

The Baptist Young People's Union of America, including all the unions in the United States and Canada, continues to grow in popular favor; but no statistics are given for this year. Rev. E. E. Chivers, D. D., Chicago, Illinois, is the General Secretary, and Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, Birmingham, Alabama, is Secretary of the Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The South Carolina Union has Rev. A. T. Jamison, of Camden, as President, and C. J. Owens, of Orangeburg, as Secretary.

Baptists in the World, 1896.

Ordained ministers	31,825
Churches	47,363
Baptisms	213,027
Total membership	4,573,264
Gain during the year	126,190

HISTORICAL TABLE.

Year.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.	PREACHERS.			
						Introductory.	Text.	Missionary.	Text.
1821	Columbia	Richard Furman	.....	Abner Blocker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1822	Fellowship	Richard Furman	.....	Joseph B. Cook	.....	Richard Furman	Psalm 122: 9	.....	.....
1823	Edgefield	Richard Furman	Wm. B. Johnson.	Basil Manly	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	Mark 10: 15	Basil Manly	.....
1824	Coosawhatchie	Richard Furman	Wm. B. Johnson.	Basil Manly	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	.....	.....	.....
1825	Camden	Wm. B. Johnson	Benj. S. Scriven	Basil Manly	.....	C. D. Mallory	Eccl. 9: 10	Rev. Mr. Graham	Zech. 6: 2, 3.
1826	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	Joseph B. Cook	John 13: 19	C. D. Mallory	.....
1827	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	B. Manly	Acts 28: 15	W. B. Johnson	.....
1828	Minervaville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	William Dossey	Acts 2: 42	W. B. Johnson	Matt. 6: 10.
1829	Charleston	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	J. Hartwell	Acts 7: 59	N. W. Hodges	.....
1830	Robertville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	J. B. Cook	Eccl. 9: 10	.....	.....
1831	Mount Moriah	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	J. Hartwell	Eph. 1: 7	B. Manly	Mark 6: 9.
1833	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	B. Manly	I Cor. 15: 58	S. Furman	Matt. 10: 8.
1833	Newberry	Wm. B. Johnson	William Dossey	Basil Manly	.....	W. B. Johnson	Eph. 1: 10	B. Manly	John 4: 35.
1834	Barnwell	Wm. B. Johnson	William Dossey	Basil Manly	.....	I. L. Brooks.	Heb. 10: 24	R. Fuller	Luke 13: 7.
1835	Charleston	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	Basil Manly	.....	N. W. Hodges	II Cor. 5: 7	.....	.....
1836	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	Basil Manly	.....	H. D. Duncan	Mark 16: 29	J. M. Chiles	Matt. 24: 14.
1837	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	W. H. Brisbane	.....	J. C. Furman	Heb. 12: 1, 2	R. Fuller	John 13: 31.
1838	Bethel	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. M. Chiles	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	Gal. 6: 9, 10	N. W. Hodges	Isaiah 60: 1.
1839	Black Swamp	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. L. Reynolds	.....	N. W. Hodges	Eph. 4: 30	W. Harper	Acts 9: 6.
1840	Sumterville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. DuPre	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	James 1: 17	A. Rice	Isaiah 9: 7.
1841	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	J. L. Reynolds	John 19: 5	.....	.....
1842	Anderson	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	J. M. Chiles	II Cor. 5: 14	J. A. Lawton	Luke 15: 7.
1843	Flat Rock	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	J. O. B. Dargan	II Cor. 5: 14,15	.....	.....
1844	Darlington	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	Col. 2: 6, 7	W. B. Johnson	.....
1845	Gillisonville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	Wm. B Johnson.	Matt. 8: 20	J. C. Furman	Zech. 4: 10.
1846	Barnwell	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	T. W. Haynes	.....	J. S. Mims	Luke 10: 21	J. B. Taylor	I Tim. 1: 4.
1847	Beulah	Wm. B. Johnson	.....	J. C. Furman	.....	J. H. Cuthbert	.....	I. L. Brooks	Prov. 11: 24.
1848	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman	.....	R. Furman	II Tim. 4: 2	.....	.....
1849	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman	.....	Prof. Edwards	Col. 2: 10	J. R. Kendrick	Matt. 6: 10.
1850	Pendleton	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman	.....	J. S. Mims	Phil. ——	W. B. Johnson	Mark 16: 15.
1851	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	J. R. Kendrick	J. C. Furman	.....	J. R. Kendrick	Acts 9: 6	B. W. Whilden	.....
1853	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. J. Brantley	Psalm 133: 1	E. T. Winkler	Matt. 11: 3.
1854	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	W. B. Johnson	I Peter 5: 8, 9	J. R. Kendrick	Matt. 16: 30.
1855	Newberry	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	R. Furman	II Cor. 11: 3	J. C. Furman	.....
1856	Greenville	Basil Manly	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. H. Luther	.....	J. C. Furman	.....
1857	Greenwood	J. L. Reynolds	Basil Manly	J. J. Brantley	.....	Basil Manly	.....	J. J. Brantley	.....
1858	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. C. Phelps	John 3: 8	J. M. C. Breaker	.....
1859	Sumter	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. C. Furman	Acts 9: 31	R. Fuller	.....
1860	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. J. Brantley	Mark 14: 8	E. T. Winkler	Luke 10: 234.,
1861	Spartanburg	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. M. C. Breaker	.....	J. M. C. Breaker	Matt. 5: 14	J. Huckins	.....
1862	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. C. Furman	J. M. C. Breaker	.....	J. C. Phelps	Job 7: 17, 8	L. R. Gwaltney	I Peter 2: 7.
1863	Darlington	J. C. Furman	T. P. Lide	J. M. C. Breaker	.....	W. D. Rice	Psalm 116: 12.	J. A. Chambliss	Rom. 1: 14.

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Year.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.	PREACHERS.			
						Introductory.	Text.	Missionary.	Text.
1864	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. O. B. Dargan	J. M. C. Breaker		J. A. Chambliss	Matt. 26 : 41	J. O. B. Dargan	Psalm 67 : 1, 3.
1865	Cross Roads	J. C. Furman	Z. Watkins	B. Manly, Jr		J. A. Broadus	James 1 : 5		
1866	Greenville	E. T. Winkler	J. O. B. Dargan	B. Manly, Jr		B. Manly, Jr	I Cor. 15 : 25.	M. W. Wingate	
1867	Anderson	E. T. Winkler	J. O. B. Dargan	B. Manly, Jr		Wm. Williams	Heb. 12 : 1, 2	J. L. Reynolds	
1868	Newberry	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	J. F. Morrall		J. Culpepper	II Cor. 9 : 13	T. R. Gaines	Rom. 1 : 18.
1869	Yorkville	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	S. W. Bookhart		J. K. Mendenhall	Prov. 11 : 30	E. T. Winkler	Acts 11 : 4.
1870	Greenville	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory		J. L. Reynolds		L. H. Shuck	I Sam. 4 : 13.
1871	Camden	J. P. Boyce	J. O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory	A. W. Lamar	J. L. Reynolds		J. G. Williams	Neh. 4 : 6.
1872	Darlington	J. C. Furman	J. O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory	A. W. Lamar	John Stout	Phil. 3 : 13, 14	J. C. Furman	III John 7.
1873	Columbia	J. L. Reynolds	J. K. Mendenhall	O. F. Gregory	J. B. Patrick	W. C. Lindsay	John 19 : 5	J. A. Broadus	Matt. 16 : 24.
1874	Chester	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	J. B. Patrick	S. W. Bookhart	T. W. Smith	Heb. 6 : 1	J. B. Jeter	
1875	Spartanburg	J. L. Reynolds	J. G. Landrum	J. B. Patrick	O. F. Gregory	Luther Broaddus	Eph. 6 : 6	R. H. Griffith	Acts 13 : 2.
1876	Society Hill	John A Broadus	R. Furman	O. F. Gregory	Z. Davis	W. H. Strickland	Phil 4 : 4	R. Furman	
1877	Greenville	Richard Furman	B. W. Edwards	Luther Broaddus	E. B. Murray	C. C Brown	Rom. 7 : 14, 5	R. Furman	
1878	Sumter	Richard Furman	B. W. Edwards	Luther Broaddus	E. B. Murray	W. J. Alexander	I John 3 : 2, 3	J. C. Hiden	
1879	Aiken	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	R. W. Sanders	Gal. 6 : 9	J. A. Chambliss	
1880	Camden	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	J. L. Vass	II Tim. 2 : 1	L. H. Shuck	Matt. 6 : 10.
1881	Anderson	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	B. G. Covington	Matt. 13 : 31-33	F. A. Douglas	John 4 : 35.
1882	Darlington	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	G. H. Carter	Matt. 9 : 37, 8	Lucius Cuthbert	Acts 16 : 9.

						Convention Sermon.	Text.
1883	Charleston	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	Charles Manly	John 4 : 36.
1884	Marion	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	Chas. A. Stakely	I Cor. 1 : 23, 24.
1885	Greenville	James A. Hoyt	John Stout	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	G. B. Moore	Eph. 3 : 8.
1886	Columbia	James A. Hoyt	J. C. Furman	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. A. Mundy	II Tim. 2 : 2.
1887	Sumter	James A. Hoyt	J. C. Furman	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. C. Browne	John 17 : 3.
1888	Orangeburg	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan R. W. Sanders	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	E. J. Forrester	John 16 : 8.
1889	Florence	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan R. W. Sanders	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	C. P. Ervin	Eph. 5 : 15, 16.
1890	Union	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan R. W. Sanders	A. J. S Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	A. C. Wilkins	Isa. 53 : 3; Matt. 26 : 38.
1891	Spartanburg	James A. Hoyt	R. H. Griffith W. D. Rice	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. W. Perry	John 14 : 21-23.
1892	Aiken	James A. Hoyt	R. H. Griffith W. D. Rice	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	C. T. Scaife	Mark 14 : 3, 4.
1893	Anderson	James A. Hoyt	W. D. Rice J. A. W. Thomas	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	I. M. Mercer	Titus 2 : 11, 12, 13.
1894	Chester	R. W. Sanders	C. C. Brown W. D. Rice	G. T. Gresham	A. B. Woodruff	W. T. Derieux	John 15 : 1-4.
1895	Greenville	R. W. Sanders	W. D Rice J. H. Hudson	G. T. Gresham	A. B. Woodruff	J. H. Boldridge	Luke 17 : 21.
1896	Charleston	J. H. Hudson	Chas. Manly Jas. McIntosh	G. T. Gresham	C. P. Ervin	C. S. Gardner	I John 1 : 1-3.
1897	Rock Hill	J. H. Hudson	E. J Forrester C. T Scaife	C. P. Ervin	A. T. Jamison	D. M. Ramsey	Acts 11 : 23

An extra session was held at Bush River church, April, 1855. Introductory, J. P. Boyce. Text, Acts 20 : 24.

*STATISTICS OF WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETIES, 1897.

ASSOCIATIONS.	VICE PRESIDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Number of Societies	Membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS.								
				State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Home Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Abbeville	Mrs. E. J. Forrester, Greenwood	14	281	$53 56	$72 96	$320 95	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$447 47
Aiken		1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	43 50	43 50
Barnwell		7	137	15 65	23 28	128 27	....	....	....	....	....	167 20
Beaverdam	Mrs. N. O. Farmer, Broyles	4	62	7 25	23 40	4 00	....	....	....	....	....	34 65
Broad River	Miss Maggie Bates, Clifton	6	56	12 94	32 79	68 58	....	....	....	....	9 00	123 31
Charleston	Mrs. David M. Ramsey, Charleston	8	135	34 94	114 26	200 80	....	....	....	....	....	350 00
Chester		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Chesterfield		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Colleton		1	....	9 07	9 07	....	....	....	....	....	....	18 14
Dorchester		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edgefield	Mrs. J. C Morgan, Parksville	6	....	2 35	38 49	13 90	....	....	....	....	....	54 74
Edisto		1	17	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fairfield	Miss Lida Yarborough, Jenkinsville	8	84	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Florence	Mrs. J. R. Bardin, Arthur	2	77	6 19	5 69	31 26	....	....	....	....	43 14	86 28
Greenville		..	....	58 53	126 71	176 73	....	....	....	....	....	361 97
Lake Swamp		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Laurens	Mrs. R. J. Watts, Laurens	8	195	42 16	65 95	115 91	....	....	....	....	....	224 02
Lexington		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Moriah	Mrs. Alice Payseur, Lancaster	7	128	6 65	85	12 80	....	....	....	....	....	20 30
North Greenville	Miss Lizzie Earle, Gowensville	4	66	1 00	1 00	8 00	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
Orangeburg		8	129	....	7 70	38 15	....	....	....	....	....	45 85
Pee Dee		7	111	18 50	32 46	53 63	....	....	....	....	....	104 59
Piedmont		3	81	3 65	9 12	16 07	....	....	....	....	....	28 84
Reedy River	Miss Bettie F. Hill, Mountville	6	91	8 35	83 63	204 98	....	....	....	....	....	296 96
Ridge	Miss Chloe Nicholson, Ridge Spring	7	140	60 19	95 82	109 20	....	31 20	....	....	....	296 41
Saluda	Miss Jeffie Edwards, Anderson	22	470	100 47	149 13	284 56	20 00	90 05	28 32	31 97	54 31	758 81
Santee	Mrs. A. T. Jamison, Camden	9	218	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Savannah River	Mrs. L. C. Jones, Ellenton	10	140	27 28	27 60	90 54	....	....	....	....	....	145 42
Southeast		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Spartanburg	Miss Lila Budd, Gaffney	11	295	44 88	74 45	166 70	....	46 50	....	....	54 10	386 63
Twelve Mile River		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Union County		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Waccamaw		..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Welsh Neck	Mrs C. L. Dowell, Society Hill†	17	280	56 27	89 99	330 35	....	....	....	....	....	476 61
York	Mrs. Jennie Blake, Rock Hill	7	145	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals		184	3,338	$569 88	$1084 35	$2,375 38	$20 00	$167 75	$28 32	$31 97	$204 05	$4,481 70

*The Financial part of this report is included in General Contributions by the churches. It is far from being accurate; but the fault therefor rests with the societies in the individual churches. †This report was taken by Clerk of the Association from that of Central Committee. The Central Committee reports 195 Societies and 61 Bands and Sunday Schools as having contributed to Foreign Missions, $3,206.46: to Home Missions, $1,145.40; to State Missions, $636.79. Total, $4,988.65.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1897.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Abbeville	20	151	1,038	$38 70	$38 99	$66 60	$..	$172 67	$....	$....	$316 96
Aiken	18	147	1,332	..	9 36	9 37	..	....	....	21 37	340 10
Barnwell	18	149	884	15 30	23 84	31 75	..	41 30	....	....	112 19
Beaverdam	25	161	1,400	11 82	19 03	43 35	..	....	....	....	74 20
Broad River	22	173	1,599	7 39	..	5 00	..	....	....	....	12 39
Charleston	28	266	1,637	30 01	37 11	55 03	15 00	....	1 53	10 30	149 48
Chester	12	80	507	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Chesterfield	..	..	..	.	.	..	..	....	....	....	....
Colleton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Dorchester	1	6	16	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Edgefield	25	102	1,097	11 92	15 82	11 47	..	39 20	....	....	78 41
Fdisto	13	72	714	4 75	2 75	5 73	..	7 85	....	....	21 08
Fairfield	19	133	975	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Florence	11	90	832	18 55	28 30	30 89	..	27 44	....	....	105 18
Greenville	25	142	2,409	27 65	10 99	23 33	..	44 60	....	....	106 57
Lake Swamp	5	32	225	..	..	.	..	....	....	....	....
Laurens	17	125	1,072	43 71	18 05	13 00	..	33 61	....	....	108 37
Lexington	16	90	765	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Moriah	27	181	1,890	3 25	14 17	4 88	..	7 37	3 25	....	32 92
North Greenville	23	208	1,811	16 22	28 14	34 48	..	8 09	5 40	....	92 33
Orangeburg	25	194	1,484	..	4 50	3 00	..	50	....	....	8 00
Pee Dee	25	175	1,343	6 48	4 90	43 42	..	51 25	....	4 90	110 95
Piedmont	15	106	811	2 50	5 00	7 00	..	5 00	...	....	19 50
Reedy River	10	75	645	11 50	11 43	14 29	..	146 05	....	....	183 27
Ridge	17	126	1,165	54 29	36 24	59 87	..	48 25	....	....	198 65
Saluda	38	335	2,795	207 25	149 41	208 62	5 00	302 51	7 50	85 66	965 95
Santee	22	145	1,129	..	.	..	..	....	....	....	....
Savannah River	32	206	1,211	8 25	15 31	30 68	..	29 43	....	9 00	92 67
Southeast	19	113	812	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Spartanburg	40	225	3,453	85 15	79 12	117 20	50	316 67	19 89	49 59	66 12
Twelve Mile River	16	94	894	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Union County	17	109	740	19 42	18 53	28 76	..	14 50	....	13 71	94 92
Waccamaw	35	190	1,400	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Welsh Neck	18	147	1,361	65 44	78 81	83 70	..	138 97	....	200 00	566 92
York	15	122	982	22 20	6 55	..	..	....	....	116 97	145 72
Total	669	4,670	40,338	$711 75	$656 35	$931 42	$20 50	$1,435 26	$37 57	$812 00	$4 604 85

*The Financial part of this report is included in General Contributions by the churches.

Calendar of Associations for 1898.

	ASSOCIATION.	MODERATOR AND HIS POST OFFICE.	CLERK AND HIS POST OFFICE.	PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.
1	Abbeville	E. J. Forrester, Greenwood	W. E. Cothran, Mill Way	Coronaca, Greenwood county, Tuesday, Aug. 30.
2	Aiken	J. C. Browne, Aiken	W. H. Kneece, Aiken	Mt. Lebanon, Aiken county, Tuesday, Oct. 4.
3	Barnwell	W. D. Rice, Denmark	W. D. McMillan, Blackville	Barnwell, Barnwell county, Thursday, Oct. 20.
4	Beaverdam	W. W. Leathers, Tugaloo	M. C. Barton, Fair Play	Beaverdam, Oconee county, Tuesday, Aug. 9.
5	Broad River	J. D. Bailey, Cowpens	S. M. Bagwell, Glendale	Cowpens, Spartanburg county, Thursday, Aug. 25.
6	Charleston	W. J. Snider, Elloree	W. G. Wells, Tindal	Corinth, Orangeburg county, Thursday, Nov. 3.
7	Chester	J. H. Yarborough, Blackstock	J. E. Edwards, Fort Lawn	Harmony, Chester county, Thursday, Nov. 3.
8	Chesterfield	E. J. Kennedy, Chesterfield	W. C. Baker, Mt. Croghan	Pine Grove, Chesterfield county, Thursday, Oct. 20.
9	Colleton	J. T. Hiers, Round	J. S. Griffin, Walterboro	Doctor's Creek, Colleton county, Friday, Oct. 21.
10	Dorchester	F. M. Droze, Summerville	G. W. Dalton, Summerville	Shepherd, Berkeley county, Thursday, Nov. 17.
11	Edgefield	Orlando Sheppard, Edgefield	S. E. Freeland, Plum Branch	Red Oak Grove, Edgefield county, Wednesday, Sept. 7.
12	Edisto	H. L. Baggott, Wagener	J. C. Courtney, Kitching's Mill	Rocky Grove, Aiken county, Thursday, Sept. 29.
13	Fairfield	B. J. Quattlebaum, Winnsboro	T. J. Rabb, Long Run	Winnsboro, Fairfield county, Friday, Oct. 7.
14	Florence	F. P. Covington, Florence	H. E. C. Fountain, Cartersville	Sardis, Florence county, Thursday, Nov. 10.
15	Greenville	D. T. Smith, Greenville	W. P. League, Simpsonville	Grove Station, Greenville county, Tuesday, Aug. 16.
16	Lake Swamp	D. H. Jordan, Cool Spring	I. L. Cannon, Cool Springs	Joiner Swamp, Horry county, Friday, Nov. 11.
17	Laurens	G. W. Shell, Laurens	J. B. Parrott, Clinton	New Prospect, Laurens county, Tuesday, Sept. 27.
18	Lexington	Evans Hall, Samaria	D. J. Knotts, Swansea	Oak Grove, Lexington county, Friday, Oct. 7.
19	Moriah	J. S. Croxton, Heath Springs	D. A. Williams, Lancaster	Kershaw, Kershaw county, Thursday, Oct. 13.
20	North Greenville	J. O. Wingo, Campobello	J. Tupper Henerey, Ansel	Locust Hill, Greenville county, Thursday, Aug. 18.
21	Orangeburg	E. A. Laird, Advance	A. R. Able, St. Matthews	Providence, Orangeburg county, Friday, Oct. 14.
22	Pee Dee	J. H. Hudson, Bennettsville	J. L. Dew, Latta	Brownsville, Marlboro county, Wednesday, Oct. 12.
23	Piedmont	A. W. Hudgens, Easley	J. Jameson, Guyton	Liberty, Pickens county, Wednesday, Aug. 3.
24	Reedy River	M. W. Rankin, Longshore	J. W. Blanton, Prosperity	Mount Zion, Newberry county, Thursday, Sept. 15.
25	Ridge	E. C. Ridgell, Batesburg	G. P. White, Johnston	Wards, Edgefield county, Tuesday, Sept. 13.
26	Saluda	M. McGee, Honea Path	John A. Robinson, Due West	Belton, Anderson county, Tuesday, Aug. 2.
27	Santee	D. J. Bradham, Manning	C. C. Brown, Sumter	Providence, Sumter county, time to be fixed.
28	Savannah River	J. T. Morrison, Peeples	B. P. Cuttino, Allendale	Beech Island, Friday, Nov. 18.
29	Southeast	Joel E. Brunson, Kingstree	Louis J. Bristow, Kingstree	Lanes, Williamsburg county, Thursday, Nov. 10.
30	Spartanburg	L. C. Ezell, Woodruff	A. B. Stallworth, Woodruff	Poplar Springs, Spartanburg county, Tuesday, Aug. 23.
31	Twelve Mile River	W. C. Seaborn, Prater	C. E. Robinson, Pickens	Six Mile, Pickens county, Thursday, Oct. 6.
32	Union County	J. W. Sanders, Sedalia	W. B. Crosby, Meador	Putman, Union county, Thursday, Sept. 1.
33	Waccamaw	H. M. Anderson, Finklea	J. T. Prince, Loris	Rehoboth, Thursday, Nov. 17.
34	Wesh Neck	R. W. Lide, Darlington	C. L. Dowell, Society Hill	Lake Swamp, Tuesday, Nov. 8.
35	York	H. E. Johnson, Bethel	W. H. Edwards, Rock Hill	Clover, York county, Thursday, Oct. 13.

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The names of ministers given below have not appeared in the reports of any Association in this State for either the last or this year. I have written to each one of them, and failed in each case to get a reply.

Still, if any of them are *known* to be still in the State, I shall be glad to have the names of such restored to the roll.

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ELEVENTH YEAR.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The eleventh annual session met in the Rock Hill Baptist church, Tuesday evening, November 30, 1897, and was called to order by J. B. Parrott, President. L. R. Gwaltney preached a sermon on the second coming of Christ. J. H. Boldridge was elected President and W. E. Thayer Secretary. Adjourned to meet next morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises, led by E. S. Reaves, a welcome was extended to brethren recently come to the State.

A paper on "Conditional Immortality" was read by J. H. Boldridge, which, on motion of E. E. Bomar, was requested for publication, after a general discussion. On motion of B. P. Robertson, the author was requested to add, before its publication, the Scripture proof for the existence of the soul separately from the body.

A paper on "Spirituality in the Preacher," was read by W. J. Langston, and in the absence of the appointee, H. C. Buchholz, on motion, spoke to the subject. On motion, the paper was requested for publication.

A paper on "Pastoral Visiting" was read by Wm. Haynsworth, and after remarks by B. P. Robertson, J. L. Ouzts was invited to continue the discussion.

The Conference adjourned, on motion, after prayer by R. J. Willingham, to meet at 3.30 afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After prayer by J. C. Browne and singing, W. D. Rice spoke on the subject, "How I Prepare my Sermons," and on request, J. C. Browne continued the subject.

"How I Secure a Proper Range of Subjects in a Year's Preaching," was discussed by the appointee, L. M. Rice.

"The Problem of Church Letters," was discussed by the appointee, E. E. Bomar.

"The Preacher between Scylla and Charybdis," was discussed by R. E. Peele.

The following Committee on Program for next Session was appointed : E. E. Bomar, M. J. Willoughby, W. T. Derieux, E. S. Reaves, W. J. Langston.

On motion of F. O. S. Curtis, the Conference adjourned after prayer by O. L. Martin.

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